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MYSTERY FIGHTERS' ATTACK

C.A.T. Plane Fired On In Tsingtao Area

P-39 Craft With Red Insignia

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

The Civil Air Transport revealed this morning that one of its planes was fired on by two planes bearing the Russian insignia while flying from Mukden to Tsingtao.

There were no casualties and no damage to the aircraft, which reached Tsingtao safely.

The plane was carrying 32 passengers when it was fired on by two P-39 fighter aircraft bearing the Red Star insignia, approximately 120 miles to the north of Tsingtao yesterday afternoon, according to the Executive Vice-President, Mr. Whiting Willauer, of the Chinese National Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Administration.

The pilot, Mr. Robert Buol, of Stockton, California, reported that the two fighters "made about five passes, during which they fired short bursts from their machine-guns."

Took Pictures

At the same time, Mr. Buol took photographs of the attackers, which, Mr. Willauer said, should serve to identify them.

Most of the passengers were Chinese Government personnel, whose evacuation by Civil Air Transport aircraft began in January.

CNRRA Air Transport have re-routed their Mukden-Tsingtao flights as a result of the attack.

The point of attack is about 100 miles south of the Soviet-controlled port of Dairen. It is on the north coast of Shantung Province, fronting the Gulf of Chihli.

Mr. Willauer said that Civil Air Transport planes have been giving the Russian-controlled tip of the Kwantung Peninsula, where Dairen and Port Arthur are situated, a wide berth.

First Case

Planes in flight between Mukden and Tsingtao have been coming no closer than 40 miles from the western shoreline of that area.

The Chinese Government personnel and their dependents on board the attacked aircraft were evacuating Mukden.

Besides Buol, the only other foreigner on board was the first officer, James B. MacGovern, Jr. of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Buol is a former Marine Corps pilot who saw action in the Solomons and elsewhere in the Pacific War. MacGovern is a former P-51 pilot in one of the fighter squadrons of the United States 14th Air Force.

Willauer's report did not say whether the pilots of the fighters planes were Russian or Chinese. The Chinese Government frequently had charged Russia with providing arms for Chinese Communist forces.

Until today, there has been no definite report of any planes in action on the Communist side of China's civil war. The Government had used some fighter and bomber aircraft obtained from surplus United States stocks.

General Claire Chennault is President of the Civil Air Transport.

Air Patrol?

The United Press contacting the Shanghai Soviet Consulate was given an emphatic "no comment." One official said: "I do not believe it."

Recalling the recent Russian protest against alleged United States air patrol over Soviet merchant marine, observers believed the Soviets might be operating a counter-air patrol from Dairen or Port Arthur bases.

Most reliable sources placed the Soviet air strength at the end of 1945 in the Dairen and Port Arthur area at 100 fighters, 30 bombers and 40 transports. However, it is generally believed that the Soviet strength since had greatly expanded.

Nanking Reaction

In Nanking, the Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Shih Chao-ying, said the Foreign Office was awaiting a detailed report from CAT on the Soviet attack.

He said the Foreign Office will consider whether or not to take diplomatic action after reading the detailed report.

The Soviet Embassy spokesman said they had not yet received official information of the reported incident.—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

H.K. PUBLICATION CONFISCATED

According to Chinese press reports from Macao last night the entire March 4 issue of the "Far Eastern Economic Review," published in Hong Kong, was confiscated by the Portuguese authorities.

Reason for the confiscation is believed to have been an article referring to Macao as the chief centre of bullion traffic.

Communist Threat To Changchun

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

The first direct Communist assault on the Manchurian capital of Changchun loomed today as large Communist forces began moving towards city, one of the last major Nationalist strongholds in north Manchuria, according to pro-Government reports.

The greater part of this Communist is said to be pushing northward from Szepingkai although "severe fighting" is still raging around this strategic railway junction, with isolated Government units still holding out at various points.

In southern Liaoning, Nationalist columns, which began a push from Mukden yesterday, have lifted the three-week-old siege of the coal-mining centre of Penki, 40 miles southeast of Mukden, semi-official despatches claimed.

Large Communist units, however, are said to be advancing towards Penki from the Anshan area in an effort to check the Government drive. In the south Manchurian seaport of Yingkow, Communist troops are said to be strengthening the defences to meet the expected tri-dimensional Government onslaught.—Reuter.

NANKING AND HONG KONG

Nanking, Mar. 9.

The Legislative Yuan has requested the Foreign Office to urge the Hong Kong Government to give prompt ratification to the Sino-British Customs Agreement signed in January in order to expedite implementation.

Approving the agreement yesterday, the Yuan's Finance and Foreign Affairs Committees noted the failure, so far, of the Hong Kong legislature to ratify it, which is held as delaying action by Chinese Customs inspectors checking smuggling from the colony. — Reuter-AAP.

MUNITIONS DUMP EXPLODES

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

A Chinese ammunition dump exploded at Tsingtao today, levelling a city block and causing casualties. An estimated 100 were killed.

U.S. Navy sources here said the explosion occurred just before noon within half a mile of the docks where the U.S.S. Estes, flagship of the U.S. Far Western Pacific Fleet, and the Navy hospital ship Repose are tied up. Tsingtao is the China base of the U.S. Navy's Far Western Fleet.

There were no immediate reports of casualties among American personnel at Tsingtao.

The explosion, set off by an undetermined cause, blasted an area east of docks, resulting in fires over a wide sector. The fires raged for two hours.

The Repose and all available U.S. Navy medical facilities float and ashore immediately gave assistance. The Repose's staff is especially trained for disaster owrk.

Personnel of the Repose swiftly went about the job of rescuing Chinese from fallen buildings and giving first aid.

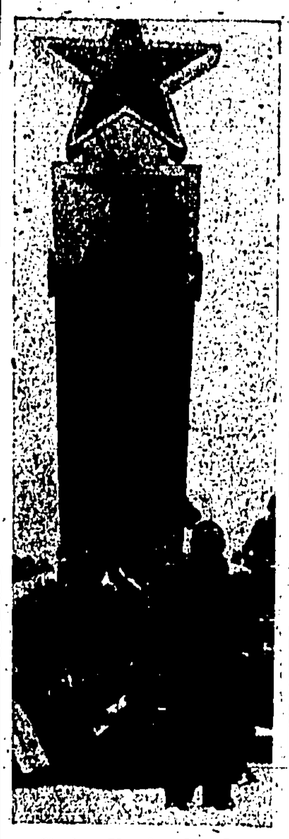
No American buildings were damaged by the blast.—Associated Press.

ARGYLE STREET FATALITY

Suffering from concussion of the brain, Lai Wing, a coolie, was removed to Kowloon Hospital shortly after jumping off a Laichikok-bound bus at Argyle Street shortly before 4 p.m. yesterday. He died shortly after 7 p.m. without regaining consciousness.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Red Star



Vaclav Vacek, the Communist Lord Mayor of Prague, speaking at the base of the monument to the Red Army at Olsany Cemetery, Prague, on February 23, just after the Gottwald coup d'etat. The cemetery is filled with the graves of Russian soldiers who died in the battle for Prague in 1945.

Ministry Steps In

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

A stern order from the Ministry of Finance prevented a sit-down strike of employees of the four Government banks and the Central Trust scheduled for last night.

Although they had previously declared that they would do four hours of "voluntary overwork" after normal office hours, all employees left when told by their superiors to go home.

The Government warning said that the premises of Government financial organs must be cleared after office hours, and that nobody was allowed to linger.

"During the time of bandit suppression any activity suggesting the use of force will be considered serious. Punishments to the offenders were limited to mere dismissal," said an official statement.—Reuter.

DIZZIER AND DIZZIER

New Records Set In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

Inflation's dizzy spiral broke all records in China today, a week after American aid measures were applied in six big cities.

Despite the introduction of a system of food rationing, the price of rice — China's staff of life—shot up to the all-time high of CN$4,000,000 for a 133-pound picul.

Before rationing began, rice was sold for CN$2,900,000.

At its present figure, it is almost completely out of reach of millions, many of whom are starving.

At the same time rice increased, the black market in American dollar notes registered a new spurt. One United States bill brought 400,000 Chinese yuan.

Three weeks ago, Chinese dollars remained steady at about 200,000.

Mission's Plan

China's big cities, Shanghai, Nanking, Peiping, Canton, Tientsin and Hankow, began doling out Siamese and native rice under a programme advanced by the United States China Relief Mission. Within a couple of weeks, United States-donated commodities also will go into the markets. Fund realised from the sale will be poured into interior areas to be used for the relief of China's multitudinous poor.

The rationing does not seek to push down inflation but it was hoped it would at least prevent upward rise of prices.

The reaction in all the markets has been the exact opposite.

The Reasons

A general inflationary jump accompanied reports of a losing campaign in Manchuria, with Szepingkai said to be the latest city to fall to the Communists.

Various reasons for the price hike were given. One is that the slowness in the issuing of ration cards by officials has forced abnormal buying on the open market resulting in a price jump. Another is that unscrupulous merchants are forcing artificial prices. Some sources said that the rationed rice is shortweight and poor and not of uniform quality, causing the people to turn to the open market for purchases.

The English language newspaper, "China Press," said, "The City authorities, yesterday appeared to be helpless despite previous assurances that drastic measures would be taken to force the price down."—Associated Press and United Press.

Interim Cabinet In Java

Batavia, Mar. 9.

The Interim Government for Indonesia under the Chairmanship of Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Dutch Lieutenant Governor-General, was installed today.

The Government, which was first announced in a Netherlands Government declaration in September last year, will bridge the period until Jan. 1, 1949, when the United States of Indonesia will be established as a sovereign state.

Dutch sources here said that although the Dutch Government intended that the Indonesian Republicans should be represented in the Government, political differences made this inclusion impossible for the time being. Seats had been reserved for them, however.

Officials said the constitutional position and responsibility of Dr. Van Mook remained unchanged in accordance with the sovereignty of the Netherlands and the Interim Government jointly.—Reuter.

King To Travel By Panama

London, Mar. 9.

It was learned at Buckingham Palace today that the outward voyage of the King and Queen to New Zealand and Australia early next year will be via the Panama Canal.

The Suez Canal will not be used for Royal voyage, it was stated.

The statement rules out speculation that the Royal party will visit the new Dominions of India and Pakistan on the way to the Antipodes.

The route chosen is taken to mean that they will first visit New Zealand and then go to Australia.

Buckingham Palace officials today denied American news agency reports that Malaya and Ceylon, as well as India and Pakistan, might be visited during the tour.

It was pointed out that so casual a visit would not in any case be made to the two great new Dominions. Such a visit would be paid only at the express invitation of the Dominions and after the usual careful preparation. — Reuter.

NAKED MAN ON ISLAND ROAD

Police on patrol duty from Stanley Police Station found 71-year-old Yau Sam-ha lying by the roadside on Island Road, absolutely naked, at noon yesterday.

Unable to get any intelligible answer from him they summoned an ambulance which took him to Queen Mary Hospital where he was found to be a mental case. He was removed to the Mental Hospital for observation.

"GRAVE PLOT" IN CHILE

Santiago, Mar. 9.

The Chilean Government announced the discovery of a "grave Communist plot" in the Ovalle area, about 150 miles north of Santiago.

This area was recently visited by Senator Gonzales Videla, President of Chile.

SOUTH CHINA LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Nanking, Mar. 9.

The Information Office said industrialists in North China and North-East provinces were turning to South China in increasing numbers seeking investment and industrial possibilities.

Sources of the statement were National Resources Commission Chairman Wong Wen-hao and Vice-Chairman Y. C. Sun, who recently made a survey of Kwangtung Province and Hainan Island.—Associated Press.

Finland's Delegates To Moscow

Helsinki, Mar. 9.

The Foreign Office announced today that Finland will send a seven-man delegation to Moscow to negotiate with the Soveit Union.

The delegation would consist of Foreign Minister Carl Enckell, Prime Minister Mauno Pekkala, Vice-Foreign Minister Coinhold Svento, Minister of Interior Leino, Yrjoe, Onni Peltonen, Dr. Johnsen Otto Soederhjelm and Urho Kekkonen.

Pekkala will act as chairman and Enckell as deputy chairman, the announcement said.

It added that the chairman of the delegation is authorised to sign any documents drafted during the negotiations.

The communique did not state when the delegation will be leaving for the Soviet capital.

Composition of the delegation was made by President Paasikivi at a Cabinet meeting at the Presidential Palace between 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. today. —United Press.

COUPONS FOR FOREIGNERS

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

Rice ration coupons for foreign residents in Shanghai will be issued between March 11 and 15 by the Police Bureau, which have been handling the issuing of resident cards to foreign nationals here, according to an announcement by Mr. K. C. Wu, Mayor of Shanghai.

To keep down soaring rice prices, the Shanghai Municipal Government had asked the Ministry of Food to stabilise prices in the rice producing areas, the Mayor said.—Reuter.

Monopoly Allegation

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

Foreign steamship companies have organised a joint concern with head office in Hong Kong "for the purpose of monopolizing shipping services to the South Seas regions", according to a report in today's "Financial Daily". Chinese newspaper reputed to be connected with Central Bank officials.

The report added that because of low freight and passenger fares charged by the new company, Chinese steamship lines stood no chance of competing with it.

Six foreign companies are said to be involved in the joint concern, but their names were not given.—Reuter.

GRIM OUTLOOK FOR BRITAIN

London, Mar. 9.

Britain must use the Marshall aid — if it comes — to sustain her working strength and efficiency, developing new sources of supply at home, in the sterling area and elsewhere, rather than merely providing greater ease and comfort for her people.

This is the conclusion of an exhaustive Government report issued today, reviewed the present economic state of the nation, and setting out plans for 1948.

But, said the report, if Marshall aid does not come and Britain is forced to balance her overseas payments before her reserves are exhausted, that will mean such drastic cuts in dollar and gold purchases "as will bring wholesale unemployment, distress and dislocation of our production and will delay for years the prospect of a decent standard of living for our people."

"We have a two-fold strategy for external recovery," the report said. "First, we must reach an overall balance of payments, and second, we must achieve as quickly as possible a satisfactory means of paying the western hemisphere countries for our purchases from them.

"The measures to implement this policy are: Raising the rate of exports, particularly to the western hemisphere; development of supply in the British Commonwealth countries and particularly in British colonies; an invitation to the sterling area countries to economise in their use of dollars; and eventual restoration of multilateral trade and convertibility of currencies.

"For the year as a whole, it is estimated that if imports continued at the same general level as the first half of 1948 (making allowances for seasonal factors and so on) they would amount to about £1,670,000,000.

"Exports and re-exports have been estimated at about £1,500,000,000 and a net deficit on 'invisible' (income from overseas investments, shipping, insurance and so on) at £80,000,000.

"This would give an overal deficit of £250,000,000 as compared with the £675,000,000 for 1947.

"In spite of the reduction of imports from the western hemisphere to only three quarters of the 1938 volume, we shall have to draw further on our gold and dollar reserves to meet the deficit. In addition, there are the needs of the rest of the sterling area for gold and dollars.

"Our reserves at the beginning of 1948 were about £680,000,000 excluding the balance of the Canadian loan over and above the agreed drawing to the end of March but including the whole of the South African gold loan.

"During the first half of 1948 they are likely to be reduced by about £225,000,000, leaving about £460,000,000 for mid-year. [illegible] and during our reserves would [illegible] about £100,000,000 by the end of [illegible]

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Dispute Over Flag

Bangkok, Mar. 9.

Chinese Consul-General Sun Ping-chien said today that the Siamese Education Ministry has closed 14 Chinese schools in the Bangkok area.

The action followed a dispute concerning the hoisting of Chinese flags in Siam. The Siamese Government had asked the Chinese not to fly their flag.

Chinese Charge d'Affaires Ou Yang-shun said that since China has just recognised the new Siamese Government, he would confer with the Siamese Foreign Ministry for an amicable settlement.

Ou Yang-shun said the Chinese considered the best solution would be to fly the Chinese flag only on national holidays and then beside the Siamese flag. — Associated Press.

BIG BLAZE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

More than a thousand persons were made homeless when a fire destroyed more than 150 mat huts in a slum district in northern Shanghai.

The firemen were handicapped by the absence of draplugs, the nearest of which was 600 feet from the scene.

More than 10 engines fought the blaze for almost two hours [illegible]

MacArthur Accepts Nomination

Washington, Mar. 9.

President Harry Truman and General Douglas MacArthur announced today they would accept the presidential nomination of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Mr. Truman said through the Democratic National Chairman that he will run for re-election if nominated by the party's National convention.

Mr. Truman also made known that his civil rights stand is unchanged in spite of the southern democratic revolt against it.

The President's announcement of his view towards re-election was one which reporters and others had tried for months to get from the American leader.

It blasted the hopes publicly voiced by some southern leaders that he would withdraw from the 1948 Presidential race.

MacArthur

Mr. Truman has been bitterly assailed by these leaders for asking Congress to pass federal laws against lynching, the poll tax requirement for [illegible]

the news that Gen. Douglas MacArthur had said that he would accept the Presidency "if called by the American people," but would not actively seek it.

Thus the Supreme Commander of the Allied occupation removed a major question mark from the 1948 Presidential race.

In the past, all efforts by his proponents to obtain a definite statement on the question had met with encouraging but indefinite answers.

General MacArthur said he did not actively seek or covet any office", nor had he any plans for leaving his office in Japan, but he would not "shrink" from accepting any public duty to which I might be called by the American people."

The statement, by the Supreme Commander, did not come as a surprise to observers [illegible]

Generalissimo In Optimistic Mood

Nanking, Mar. 9.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today predicted that the Nationalist armies in Manchuria will turn the tables against the Reds in the "near future."

He added that the Government has determination as well as confidence in recovering all lost ground of the industrial power house of Manchuria.

The Generalissimo confirmed that powerful Government reinforcements have arrived in the Chinchow-Shanhaikwan corridor and more are on the way.

Tien Yu-shih, member of the Manchurian people's mission, said the Generalissimo made the statement when he received the mission.

Tien said that Chiang assured them that the Government will not abandon Manchuria but will exert its efforts to retain it because of "its strategic importance to the independent existence of the Chinese nation."

Tien said that Chiang also accepted the Manchurian request for reforming the present Manchuria Government and further promised that the Government will try its utmost [illegible] administrative and [illegible]

cooperate wholeheartedly with the Government in its efforts to stem Communist expansion.

The Manchurian mission consists of Wang Hua-yi, Tien Yu-shih, Li Chung-hsun and Chang Pao-tze. The mission will return to Mukden after discussions with the Social and Educational Ministries on relief and education problems in Manchuria.—United Press.

The Weather

A ridge of high pressure extends from the Sea of Japan across the Eastern and China Sea. An [illegible] depression [illegible] China and Indo-China.

Today's Forecast: Moderate NNE winds weather cloudy with slight drizzle. Local [illegible] temporarily during the day. Warm.

Tuesday's Weather: Maximum 71.4 deg. Fah. Minimum 58.3 deg. Fah. Rainfall 0.21 inches. Total Rainfall [illegible] inches. Mean Sea Level Pressure [illegible] millibars.

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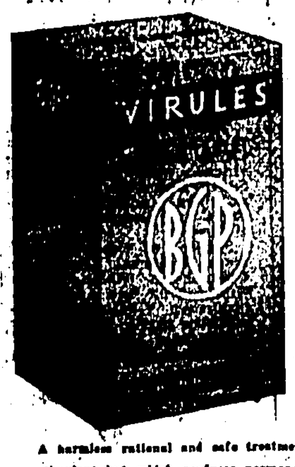

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Irishmen Celebrate

The Committee of St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong has made the following arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's Eve and St. Patrick's Day:—

On St. Patrick's Eve March 16th, a Dinner Dance will be held in the "Gripps" Hong Kong Hotel, which will be preceded by cocktails. Dancing will be to the music of the "Gripps" Orchestra and that of the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, whose Pipers and Dancers will also be present. It is understood that Irish orchestral music and "Pipers" will be heard during Dinner, and this should create exactly the right atmosphere for some Irish Dances to be included in the programme later on in the evening, and especially for the climax—the distribution of Shamrock at midnight. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. and a late ferry leaving Hong Kong at 2.30 a.m. has been arranged for Kowloon residents.

On St. Patrick's Day March 17, at 9 a.m. the President of the Society, Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow, in the presence of members will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph.

The Cenotaph Ceremony will, this year, be held in conjunction with a parade of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers whose Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. D.M. Shaw, D.S.O., M.C., will also lay a wreath. Music for the parade will be provided by the Regiment's Band whose Buglers will sound the Last Post and Reveille.

Members attending the Ceremony should assemble at the North side of the Supreme Court at 8.45 a.m. All members of the Society should have by now received full details of arrangements, but as the new register of members may not be complete, or as members may have failed to notify the Hon. Secretary of changes in address, any member who has not received this information is asked to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box. No. 615, Hong Kong.

Irish men and women in the Colony who are not members and who may wish to join the Society should also communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

Last year the Society held a more simple Dinner Dance, which was an extremely enjoyable event and proved to an outstanding success. From the demand for invitations this year's function will undoubtedly be, for all intents and purposes, a revival of the St. Patrick's Ball of pre-war days, which was one of the most enjoyable and important events in the social life of Hong Kong.

This year the Society is extremely fortunate in that they have a famous Irish Regiment stationed in the Colony who will be joining with the Society and lending its support in the celebrating of Ireland's Patron Saint's Day, and it is more than likely that St. Patrick's Day 1948, and the "Ceud mille failthe" extended to guests will long be remembered.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Canton on account of smallpox have been

Reminders

Today.

H.K. University Alumni Association Annual Dinner, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Annual General Meeting, H.K. University Alumni Association, Queen's Bldg., 6 p.m.

H.K. General Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 2 p.m.

"Music Watch" presented by the Dramatic Club, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

A Date with the Gibson Sisters, China Fleet Club Theatre, 8 p.m.

Talk on "Modern Developments in aeronautical, metallurgical and marine engineering" by F.G. Cripps, T.H. Parks, A.W. Hall, sponsored by the H.K. Engineering Society at Chamber Room, H.K. Hotel.

Supreme Roll of Hong Kong Volunteers at Volunteer Headquarters, 8.30 p.m.

Legislative Council meeting, Old Supreme Court, 2.30 p.m.

Opening Night

Appeal To Public For Support

When negotiations are completed with the Admiralty, the old Naval Hospital in Wanchai, the site of which is worth $3,000,000, is to be handed over to the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, Dr. the Hon. Isaac Newton, President of the Association, revealed at the General Meeting last evening.

Dr. Newton also revealed that the Hospital will be staffed by the St. Columban Mission in Eire, and said $750,000 was needed to rehabilitate and run the institution for a year, of which sum Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee had promised $500,000.

Dr. Newton said:—"Regarding the proposed sanatorium enquiries made as to the cost of building and site preparation revealed that if the Association was to build a sanatorium it would need to collect between 3 to 5 million dollars. After considerable discussion it was decided that Government should be approached to see whether there was any possibility of the old Naval Hospital in Wanchai being placed at the disposal of the Association. This was done and Government have agreed that as soon as negotiations are completed with the Admiralty for the return of this property it will be handed over to the Association. This site has been estimated to be worth about 3 million dollars and represents very generous assistance to the Association.

"There is, and will be for some years, a great shortage of nurses in the Colony, so the Council decided to accept the offer of the St. Columban Mission in Eire to staff the Hospital with members of their Order. These nuns have among them registered doctors, nurses and pharmacists.

"It was estimated that it would need three quarters of a million dollars to rehabilitate, alter and equip the sanatorium and to run it for one year. Thanks to the great efforts of Dr. S. N. Chau and to a very generous offer of $500,000 from Mr. Ruttonjee and to other help, that ¾ million dollars has now been promised and Dr. Chau has great hopes of reaching his goal of 1¼ million dollars.

Endowed Beds

"It is estimated that a sum of $2,500 will pay for one bed for one year and we hope that many of the firms in Hong Kong and perhaps private people also will endow one or more beds by making an annual subscription of $2,500 or multiples of $2,500 and have the beds named after them. In this connection perhaps I should mention that the accommodation available in the hospital as it is is approximately 100 beds but it is capable, if staff quarters are built, of being increased to 200. We shall therefore need a lot of endowed beds.

"Although ¾ million dollars should cover the immediate cost of starting the hospital and running it for a year, a considerable sum more will be required if there is to be a sufficiently large endowment fund to ensure that there will be no risk, in the future, of the sanatorium closing down because the Colony has perhaps struck hard times and subscriptions have fallen off. This possibility must be guarded against at all costs."

On the subject of Mr. Ruttonjee's offer Dr. Newton said:—"Mr. Ruttonjee's family have been connected with Hong Kong since its very beginning and as he had told me himself he feels a great affection for the Colony. This affection he has shown in a very fine and very practical way. His name is already linked with charitable work and there is a dispensary in the New Territories which he built and which has been called after him. But that was not enough for him and now comes this new offer which makes him one of the great benefactors of the community."

Mass X-Rays

"An activity of the Association that is beginning to bear fruit is the mass X-Ray unit. This unit arrived in October and was installed in the X-Ray department of the Queen Mary Hospital where it has been in use since. Already over 5,000 cases have been dealt with. It is hoped later, to house this unit in a building at the Queen Mary Hospital which has been adapted for the special purpose of mass X-Ray work, but at present, the shortage of technical staff in the Medical Department prevents that being done. I hope with the improved salaries that our vacancies for radiographers will be filled and that before the year is out the unit will be working in its new home. It is not proposed to house the mass X-Ray unit permanently at the Queen Mary Hospital, and perhaps later it may be possible to install it in the sanatorium or at an Aberdeen clinic. I am sure that when we have our next Money Day members of the public will be in a position to say yes to the request of our public

Chairman's Appeal

The Chairman, Dr. S. N. Chau, appealing to members for further financial support, said: "As yet we have not properly organised ourselves to appeal for funds. The new Committee will start this as soon as they have taken office. I am, however, happy to report that we have already been promised donations from the following gentlemen:—

Mr. J.H. Ruttonjee	$500,000
Mr. Leung Yew	$50,000
Mr. S.W. Lee	$50,000
Anonymous	$50,000

Beds endowed—17.

"The Government has promised, and will in due course put before the Legislative Council a proposal to grant an annual Contribution of $150,000 to the Association as from 1949.

"Gratifying as are the results thus far achieved, we will

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Dr. T. Newton proposed that Sir Alexander Grantham be asked to become Patron of the Association during his stay in the Colony. This was seconded by Dr. [illegible] and approved by the meeting.

BIG ELECTRIC PROFITS

A profit of more than HK$5½ million was made last year by the Hong Kong Electric Company, Limited, which will hold its annual general meeting of shareholders on March 18. The Directors will recommend a final dividend of $1.70 per "old" share, and a final dividend of 85 cents per "new" share.

Personalia

Lord Listowel is scheduled to arrive in the Colony on Mar. 17 not Mar. 18 as previously announced.

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Mr. T. A. S. Hards, General Manager of Messrs. Alexander Young (London) Ltd., was host at a cocktail party at the Peninsula Hotel to about 200 Hong Kong business friends last evening.

Mr. Hards, who has been on a business tour and has been in Hong Kong for the past fortnight, is returning to London by air today.

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Passengers from Hong Kong yesterday by Pan American Clipper "Australia" were:—For Manila Mr. Samuel Bresler, Mr. John R. Smith, Mrs. Winifred K. Smith, Misss Candice G. Smith, Mr. Sow Hu Tong, Miss Yu Ah Kiat, Mr. Yu Khe Jin, Mrs. Yu Sophia Hwang, Mr. Abe Sutton. For Honolulu Mr. Edward Alvarez, Mr. Terence G. Hanlon, Mr. Maurice D. Friedman. For San Francisco Mr. Oscar Fong Jo, Mr. Du Ong Lee, Mrs. Ngo Chie-Nown Lee, Mr. Gustavo Molina.

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Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gold. Departures included Mr. and Mrs. S.E.G. Hillman and Dr. E. Bergglas.

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Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Mr. P. Campbell. Departures included Mr. M.S. Douglas, Mr. D.S. Hewitt, Cmdr. and Mrs. Mrs. A.S.D. Ryder, Miss P. Rainer and Mr. H.E. Sutton.

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Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—S. Bresler, Capt. J. M. McWilliams, J. B. Polkinghorn.

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Peninsula departures:—Mr. Mrs. and Miss Pollard, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. E. Fonseca, Dr. Jose Calvet and G. F. Clifford.

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Mr. Denis Hazell returned to the Colony from Singapore by B.O.A.C. on Monday, having completed arrangements whereby in Malaya Messrs. Denis Hazell & Company are appointed factory representatives for all the companies in the Slazenger organisation.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The food and fuel costs for the week ending March 6, 1948, issued by the Labour Office were as follows:

Rice and Flour	7.2	catties	$6.1900
Vegetables	1.9	"	.2880
Silt Cabbage	.2	"	.1200
Oil	.7	"	1.2080
Tea	.2	"	.9600
Salt Fish	.3	"	.9030
Fish	.4	"	.9680
Pork	.3	"	1.0050
Firewood	10.0	"	1.2000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces			.7000
Total			$14.9520

Interesting Case At Central

An interesting case came up before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy recently when R. C. Conway & Company lost a considerable quantity of goods to a confiscation order applied for by Revenue Officer W. G. Humphreys.

The goods were unmanifested cargo contained in 14 cases, consigned from Manila and described in the manifest as marbles.

Revenue Officer Humphreys told the Court that five of the cases had no marbles whatsoever. The remainder, in addition to some marbles, contained various other articles. Seven of the cases contained dutiable toilet preparations.

In Mr. Humphreys' words it was "one of the oldest and most widely practiced systems of smuggling in the world—false declaration on the manifest, bill of lading and import and export declaration of cargo." The idea, he added, was to avoid import and export restrictions by manifesting cargo as something else.

Real Culprit

Applying for a confiscation order, Mr. Humphreys declared that the real culprit was outside the jurisdiction of the Court. The only method the authorities have for hitting at the practice was to ask for confiscation of the goods other than the marbles.

On behalf of the consignees who were not present in Court, Mr. Percy Chen pointed out that the goods were sent on consignment and that his client was not responsible for the wrong manifest. His client was a reputable and respected businessman in the Colony. He applied for non-forfeiture and for leave to pay any duty payable and to allow the goods to be re-shipped to Manila. The consignees received a cable on Feb. 26 to the effect that wrong goods had been shipped.

Pointing to the fact that the consignees did not come forward and claim the goods until Feb. 25, a day after the ship arrived, Mr. d'Almada said he came to the conclusion that they must have notified their Manila office that it had come to light that the cargo was not as manifested.

Serious Breach

Had not of the cases been broken accidently, delivery would have been taken and nothing further heard of the cargo manifested as marbles, remarked the Magistrate.

Ordering forfeiture of the unmanifested cargo to the Import and Export Department, Mr. d'Almada said he considered the offence a serious breach of the regulations regarding the manifest of cargo. He said that if he allowed the consignees to pay duty he would be creating a precedent and open an avenue to excuses of this nature in the future.

The goods in question were 333 pairs of American Army trousers, 28 cartons and 24 boxes of Kolynos tooth paste, 80 cartons of Jergens face cream, four batteries, one carton of Palm Olive soap, 13 American Army jackets, seven and a quarter pounds of pearls, 24 cartons and 72 coils of plastic belts, 33 boxes and one carton of hair clips.

CHANGES IN TITLES

Changes in the titles of two Government officials will be moved in the form of a resolution by the Attorney General at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The title of Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary is to be changed to Deputy Colonial Secretary and that of the Assistant Financial Secretary to Deputy Financial Secretary.

Lau Kwai, 19-year-old spinster was remanded for a further three days by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of stealing $2,450 from Lee Shau-shan at 23, Hak Po Street, first floor, on March 4.

Chinese Appointed

Mr. Tsui Paul Ka Cheung, of Sung Him Tong, Fanling, New Territories, Hong Kong, has been appointed to the Colonial Service as an Administrative Officer in Hong Kong. He is a son of Mr. Tsui Peter Yan Sau, schoolmaster and founder and director of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong.

Born in Hong Kong, he was educated at Wah Yan College, Canton University, and Hong Kong University, graduating B.A. in 1942.

Before his University education, he was for fifteen months a teacher at the Catholic Missionary School for Chinese Children in the Rabaul Territories of New Guinea. In March, 1942, he became Secretary, Adviser and Interpreter to Advance Headquarters, British Army Aid Group and in July, 1945, was embodied in the Forces, commissioned and promoted Captain in the Intelligence Corps.

Mr. Tsui, who was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours List of 1945, has recently been in England, undergoing training at the Colonial Administrative course.

KOWLOON LAND SALE

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3514 at Aplin Street, Shamshuipo, will be sold by Public Auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, March 22, at 3 p.m.

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CLAIM FOR RECOVERY OF HONG KONG CARGO

Goods Seized By Chinese Customs

Hearing of an action (for recovery of goods or, alternatively, $20,881) in which the defence allege that smuggling was the real object of a contract for the transport of goods from Hong Kong to Swatow, was resumed yesterday before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

The Kai Cheong Firm of 55 Connaught Road West, Merchants, are the plaintiffs and are represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios. Mr. Charles Loseby, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Co., is appearing for the Chuen Hing Firm, 4 Queen's Street, first defendants. The Tung Wan Navigation Company, named as second defendants, were not represented.

The plaintiffs claimed the return of 40 packages of pigskin, weighing 70.05 piculs, and 17 packages of rubber shoes, containing 171 dozen, entrusted by them to the defendants in Jan. 1947, for delivery to the plaintiff's nominees, Kwong Yu and Chap Lee Fung of 61 Chan Pong Street and 80 Wing Hing Street, Swatow.

Plaintiffs, who alleged that defendants, by their negligence, failed to deliver either the pigskin or the rubber shoes, also claimed the return of $2,862.00 —the amount paid to the defendants for their charges for delivery of the pigskin and rubber shoes to the firms at Swatow.

Alternatively, the plaintiffs claimed the sum of $20,881, the value of the goods and charges.

It was further alleged by plaintiffs that defendants attempted to smuggle the goods without the consent of the plaintiffs and contrary to their agreement to pay Customs duties and carry out other formalities.

A Denial

First defendants denied that the plaintiffs entrusted them with the goods. They admitted that plaintiffs paid them a cheque for $2,215.00 and $647 in cash, but denied that the cheque was given or the $647 was the purpose alleged. The two sums, amounting to $2,862.00, were paid to them in the first instance as stakeholders only, the terms and conditions being that they should pay it over to the Tung Wan Navigation Co., as and when instructed by the plaintiffs or upon completion of the terms of the contract made between the plaintiffs and the Tung Wan Navigation Co., to which the first defendants were not a party.

First defendants claimed that upon instructions of the plaintiffs they paid over to the Tung Wan Navigation Co., the sum of $647 entrusted to them in cash. They further claimed that on or about Jan. 11, 1947, the cheque for $2,215 was dishonoured by the plaintiffs bankers and that the plaintiffs had not paid the sum of $2,215.00 or any part of it.

First defendants further claimed that if the plaintiffs did contract with them as alleged, such contract was contrary to public policy and illegal. They alleged that the contract was a smuggling contract directed towards the import of goods from Hong Kong to China without licence or authority and against the law of the Hong Kong Government and the Government of China.

Seized

Finally, if plaintiffs contracted with first defendants as alleged, the latter had done everything that was possible under the contract, and they were in no way in default. The goods were seized by the Chinese Excise Authorities and held against plaintiffs and first defendants.

Ma Kwai Kwo, of the Hoi On Firm, deposed to having entrusted a quantity of pigskin and sea-slugs to first defendants for transportation to Swatow. Three days after the junk carrying the goods left Hong Kong he learnt that the goods had been seized by the Chinese Customs. He went and asked Koo. Koo said it was untrue and that his man would be going to the Sha Mun Customs to pay the necessary duties through the proper channels.

A few days later, he again went to see Koo, who said; "Rest your anxiety. I am responsible for everything." Ng Pik-cho also said the same thing. Ma said that he finally learnt that the goods had definitely been seized. He saw Koo and Ng, who undertook to recover the goods and to carry them to Swatow.

Cross-examined, Ma said that he was not aware what types of goods were prohibited entry into China. He was never told that the goods which had been consigned by him were on the prohibited list. It was the duty of the shipping company to ascertain which goods were prohibited entry into China. Ma denied that he "worked in with" plaintiffs and the Ming Lee Firm in connection with this matter. He had never been to the Customs Office at Kowloon to look at the list of prohibited imports into China. He relied entirely on the shipping company.

Not Lying

The money which he paid to the first defendants was in one lump sum, which included freight, duty and other charges. So long as he could make a profit, he did not care how much he paid. He never gave any thought as to how much of the lump sum paid to first defendants would go towards the Chinese Customs.

Ma denied that he was telling lies to the Court. He also denied that all negotiations were carried on with the Tung Wan Navigation Company and maintained that he dealt only with first defendants. He never had any dealings with a person who described himself as the manager of the Tung Wan Navigation Company.

He never told anyone that he had a smuggling deal which he wished to put through, nor did he say that he wanted some pigskin and sea slugs smuggled into China.

He did not know that the goods were to be carried by the "Tai On." He did not insist on the goods being carried by the "Tai On." There was no necessity for him to do this. He only knew that the goods were being carried by the "Tai On" when first defendants informed him about the matter.

In reply to another question, he said that he did not know that the "Tai On" was a well-known vessel used for smuggling.

He took no steps to have goods recovered from the Chinese Customs, as it was the duty of first defendants to do this. They undertook to pay all duties on his behalf.

After representatives of several firms which had allegedly entrusted goods to first defendants for transportation to Swatow had given evidence, hearing was adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

TRICK RIDER FINED

Caught riding with his hands off the handle bars of a bicycle, carpenter Lee Hung appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on an additional charge of offering a $10 bribe to the constable who arrested him.

Despite his denial, Lee Hung was convicted and fined $205.

Defendant allegedly offered the bribe when he was stopped in Chatham Road on Feb. 18. The constable took the number of the banknote and handed it back to defendant before escorting him to the Hung Hom Police Station.

At the Hung Hom Police Station, the constable asked defendant for the $10-note and placed it on a desk. The Inspector was not present at the time but returned an hour later, when the constable made the charges.

Defendant claimed that when he was arrested, the constable told him that he would be fined $10 for riding with his hands off the handle-bars. He denied giving the constable anything.

Restaurant Defrauded

Booking a room and entertaining friends at the Kam Ling Restaurant on Sunday to a meal costing $299.75 caused Yeung Mong Chay, 43 to be booked on a charge of obtaining credit by fraud. He was given four months by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central, yesterday when he admitted the offence.

After the meal, Yeung requested the management to send an assistant with him to collect the money. On their arrival at the Nam Ping Hotel, Yeung frankly admitted that he had no money.

Defendant told the court that he thought his friends would have the money to pay. He had no intention of doing what he had done.

Opium Case

With a previous conviction for keeping an opium divan and for the possession of prepared opium, Cheung Chong (42), was fined $200, or six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of possession of nine small pots (about a mace) of prepared opium and an opium lamp.

Inspector J. Orem said that when Det. Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew raided 18 Haiphong Road, second floor, at 8.20 p.m. on March 8 he found the opium lamp still alight.

The Police suspected that the opium pipe, which, according to the evidence of the lighted lamp, must have been in use before the arrival of the Police might have been thrown out of the window and picked up by someone in the street.

N.T. ARMS CASE

A farmer, an unemployed man, and two alleged smugglers appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, on transfer from the Taipo Court, charged with possession of two automatic pistols and 30 rounds of ammunition at 90 Lin Ma Hang Village, Takuling, on Feb. 27.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall, Yip Yum (28), described as a smuggler, Lai Kun-lin (27), farmer, Chan Kun-ying (22), unemployed, and Yip Lu (19), alleged smuggler, were remanded for three days in custody.

MAGISTRATES' DUTY TO PROTECT PUBLIC

An appeal by Mak Pang, accountant, against the severity of sentence passed on him by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy on Jan. 26, was dismissed yesterday by Mr. Justice Williams (Chief Justice), who said that Magistrates had a duty to the public to see that persons placed in positions of trust did not abuse that trust.

Mak, who had pleaded guilty to charges of fraudulent embezzlement of $3,100 and of wilfully misleading a Police Officer by reporting that the money was stolen, was sentenced by Mr. Conklin to six months' imprisonment with hard labour on the first charge and a fine of $250 or six months' imprisonment with hard labour on the second charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M.A. da Silva, appeared for Mak.

Mr. Wright said that no one would normally attempt to minimise the offence of embezzlement, but in this particular case there were extenuating circumstances of an unusual and compelling nature, circumstances to which the Magistrate never gave sufficient consideration when awarding sentence. These circumstances would have justified his taking a more lenient view of the case.

The appellant was a young man of 22 years, who came from a very respectable family and who was married only a month before the commission of the offence. He held the responsible position of Chief Accountant and Shroff in the Fuk Tung Hong. He was steady and reliable and had never been in trouble before. The fact that he had been promoted to Chief Accountant and Shroff in the Fuk Tung Hong within a year of joining was in itself proof of his ability and of the fact that the firm trusted him.

Intended To Repay

Unfortunately he was induced by two friends to embark on a speculative venture connected with the purchase of certain goods. Appellant had admitted that he took some of the firm's money and invested it in this scheme. The speculation ended in disaster, because the two friends absconded after having sold the goods and he was left in the unhappy and alarming position of being unable to replace the money.

He was undoubtedly guilty of the offence of embezzlement, but he never had the criminal intent of permanently depriving the firm of the money. He fully intended to pay the money back within a few days on the successful conclusion of the venture. It was a temporary borrowing as far as appellant was concerned. Up to the date of the offence, appellant's character had been blameless and unblemished. He was definitely not of the criminal type.

Appellant's employers were not disposed to take a serious view of the lapse and were quite prepared and even eager to re-employ him and to give him an opportunity to redeem himself. At the hearing before the Magistrate, the Assistant Manager of the firm gave evidence of character and stated that he was sufficiently satisfied as to appellant's probity and dependability and was prepared to overlook the lapse.

Curious Case

The Managing Partner was available to give evidence if the Court desired to call him as a witness. In addition, the money had been repaid and if evidence was wanted on this point, it could also be furnished. There was no question of extravagant living on the part of the appellant, who had not benefitted himself to the extent of a single cent as a result of the offence.

Mr. Wright submitted that the sentence was excessively severe and contended that it was a suitable case for the Court to make a reduction in the sentence of six months' hard labour.

Replying, Mr. Lonsdale said that the case was certainly curious, as the sentences had been made concurrent. As far as he knew, the fine had not been paid. He could not see the basis on which Mr. Wright's contentions had been made. The facts enumerated before the Court were recounted to the Magistrate and contained in the record. Mr. Lonsdale said that the circumstances were neither unusual nor compelling.

It was the hope of gain which was so customary in offences of embezzlement which made the offence one of serious nature. The Magistrate, in passing sentence, had undoubtedly looked into the circumstances of the case and also took into account the frequency of such happenings in the Colony.

Duty To Public

Mr. Lonsdale said that it could not be said that the taking of the firm's money by appellant was a temporary borrowing. There was always the possibility that the capital would be lost.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr. Justice Williams said that he was being asked to say that the sentence by the Magistrate was manifestly excessive in view of what Counsel for appellant has described as unusual and compelling circumstances. Such a plea had been put up in innumerable cases of embezzlement.

The Magistrates had a duty, not only as between employer and employee, but also a duty to the public in general and that was the duty to see that persons placed in positions of trust did not abuse that trust. He therefore upheld the decision of the Magistrate. Sentence to run as from date of conviction.

Charged with demanding with menaces the sum of $20,000 from one Chung Kai on March 6, Ngai Wan-sang (28) and Chung Kwai (21), brick-makers living in the Wing Cheong Building Contractor's matshed at Fa Yuen Street, were, on the application of Det. Sub-Inspector C. Dowman, remanded for three days in custody by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

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Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Company will be held at the head office of the Company, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Monday the 15th March, 1948, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1947, and for the appointment of auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 5th day of March to 15th March, 1948 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1948.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

25th February, 1948.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First floor, 5, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, 8th April, 1948, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 25th March, 1948, until Thursday, 8th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.
L. W. SHEWAN,
Director.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1948.

Communist Supporters In Parliament?

London, Mar. 8.

The House of Commons today ordered its Committee of Privileges to investigate publication by the Daily Mail of allegations that some Members of Parliament were "secret supporters" of the Communist Party.

Mr. Francis George Bowles, a Labour Member, drew the attention of the House of Commons to the published statement which, he said, meant, in effect, that 29 Members of Parliament were traitors and secret agents of what he described as "a future enemy power."

The Speaker of the House ruled that there was a prima facie case of a breach of privilege and the matter was then referred to the Committee for investigation.

Mr. Bowles read to the House of Commons the text of the report which stated that British radio listeners had heard the author-editor, Mr. C. Brogan, suggest that secret sessions of Parliament were useless as "secret agents of a potential enemy" would be present.

Mr. Brogan was quoted as telling a reporter: "I know that any defence information would be given to the Russians. The supporters of the Communist Party are the danger, not the open ones."

More Serious

"I don't think Mr. William Gallacher (a Communist Member of Parliament) would do it, for instance. But I understand there are 29 of these secret supporters in the House."

Mr. Bowles commented: "It seems to me to be very much more serious to suggest that Members of Parliament will give away any secrets they hear at secret sessions than that a Member might give away, under the influence of drink or for money, secrets of a Party meeting."

This appeared to be an allusion to cases last year in which the Committee of Privilege found two Members guilty of a breach of privilege because they divulged, for money, secrets of meetings of the Parliamentary Labour Party.—Reuter.

TRIAD MEMBERS

Arrested on March 7 on suspicion of being pickpockets Cheung San (23) and Li Sung (26) admitted to Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison that they were members of unlawful societies.

Charged before Mr. W. H Latimer at Kowloon yesterday accused were sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment or (should their claim to Hong Kong birth be substantiated,) to two years Police supervision.

Cheung was a member of the Luen Ying Triad Society, and Li a member of the Kong Kun Triad Society.

A charge of dangerous driving brought Wong Yung Sang, 45, driver of taxi 4303 before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central yesterday. He was fined $150, with a warning that if charged again his licence would be suspended.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED

NOTICE

WHEREAS Notice was given on 20th February 1948 to the holders of 10,791 shares of CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED (whose names are unknown owing to loss of the Company's original Share Register and who have made no claims to be entitled to be registered as members in the Company's reconstructed Register) who had failed to pay the Call of $1 per share made on 29th May 1940 on shares then registered in their names requiring them to pay the said Call with interest on or before 8th March 1948 and WHEREAS the said Call has not been paid NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said 10,791 shares (to which new distinctive numbers, viz. Nos. 745,210 to 756,000 NEW SERIES inclusive, have been given) were forfeited by Resolution of the Board on 9th March, 1948.

By Order of the Board,

HERBERT R. STURT,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1948.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of MENASHE GREENFIELD alias MORRIS GREENFIELD late of No. 48 Beldema Street, San Francisco in the State of California, U.S.A. deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 4th April, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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12.32 p.m.—Woody Herman and His Orchestra and Kate Smith (Vocal).
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1.15 p.m.—News. Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—"From the Shows."
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half Hour. B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Tammy Treats' visit to London".
6.30 p.m.—Composer Cavalcade: Robert Stolz.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
7.15 p.m.—Songs by Oscar Natzke (Bass).
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Bring you Music" —Classical Request Programme. Presented by Marion Glover.
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Navy Mixture" Melodies.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.11 p.m.—Interlude.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay:—A Talk—Dr. Jenner. The Story of the Discovery of Vaccine.
9.45 p.m.—Favourites from the Operas.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Dance to Ted Heath & His Music.
10.45 p.m.—Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" .... Boston Promenade Orch.
10.50 p.m.—Studio: Epilogue conducted by the Rev Father F. J. Howatson, S. J.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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AMERICAN PROGRAMME FOR CHINA CRITICISED

Washington, Mar. 8.

Clarence Gauss, former Ambassador to China and now director of the Export-Import Bank, today told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the American programme for China might be "Operation Rat Hole" if restricted to economic efforts:

He said the problem in China "is a hundred times as great as the problem in Greece. We are starting out upon a programme (in China) that will take years for fruition and will cost a great deal of money," adding that it may cost billions.

"Economic aid to China will not be effective unless there is beside it a strong military programme," he declared. "Until you have a military solution in China you can have no success with economic aid."

Gauss said that North China "is fast falling into Chinese Communist hands. A great deal will have to be done in China—I believe some people call it liberalisation of its Government—to get the confidence of the people."

Referring to the Reds, he said he was told by friends just back from China that the Reds are adopting "radical Marxist reforms." He said he had heard of instances where the Reds were executing landlords. Gauss asserted that "there is no question at all but that the Communists have received outside aid, for which they will have to pay through the nose, later."

Great Debt

He said the United States owes a great debt to China because "of the blunders at Yalta, in which part of Manchuria was ceded to Russia."

At this point the Minnesota Representative Walter Judd commented he would rather the Chinese had "blown the (Yalta) thing sky high rather than have submitted to giving away their territory."

Basing his opinions on 31 years service in China, Gauss said the "National Government should support a liberal democratic programme directed particularly to the agricultural population. The Government should concern itself with a programme to recapture the support of the people."

No Assurance

Asked what he believed the result might be of failure to aid China, he replied: "Very unfortunate for a time. The Chinese people are just not given to Communism. I don't believe that the Communist, if they gained control, could make it stick. If we had a Communist China now, the Communists would be unable to govern it."

Action by the Export-Import Bank permitting money earmarked for Chinese loans to go unused, he said, was prompted by inability to find "any assurance whatsoever of repayment."—Associated Press.

Accra, Mar. 8.

The chairman of the Standing Committee of the Joint Provincial Council of Chiefs has asked the Gold Coast Colonial Office to appoint a commission to enquire into the recent incident when police used force in dispersing a parade of ex-servicemen. The situation remained quiet here today.—Reuter.

CIO Asks For Wage Increases

Washington, Mar. 9.

The Congress of Industrial Organisations called today for "substantial wage increases" and offered figures to prove they are justified.

A wage study made public pictures a loss of 15 per cent to wage earnings in the race between prices and take-home-pay since January, 1945. What is called "real wages" fell that far behind, allowing for tax deductions, the CIO economists said in a report to CIO President Philip Murray.

Murray, who also heads the Steelworkers (with 800,000 members) will be negotiating for "substantial" wage increases from US Steel Corporation and others beginning April 30. Murray also wants a pension plan.

The CIO President will not be the first to try for increases this spring, however. The Packing House Workers, headed by Ralph Helstein of Chicago, are poised to strike on March 16 for a 29 cent hourly pay increase. That figure was chosen on the basis of a Bureau of Labour Statistics study, which Helstein says showed a three member family needed 29 cents an hour more than the average packinghouse worker was receiving.

Increases

Other key CIO workers in the 1948 labour-management tests include the United Electrical Workers, and Walter Reuthers' United Auto Workers. Reuther opens negotiations with General Motors next month for a 30 cent hourly increase, and already is bargaining with Chrysler Motor Company for a 35 cent hourly boost.

The Electrical Workers are negotiating with General Electric and Westinghouse and have confined their demands to a "cost of living" raise of about US$13.23 a week.

The CIO study said that in the 18 months since price ceilings was abandoned in June, 1946, retail food prices have risen 42 percent, clothing is up 22 percent and rent has increased 6.4 percent.—Associated Press.

Correspondent Injured

Jerusalem, Mar. 8.

Hugh Astor, 27-year-old son of the Hon. J. J. Astor, owner of The Times, was wounded in the leg when Jews opened fire on the Haifa road near the Carmel Station, Jerusalem.

Mr. Hugh Astor was the newspaper's special correspondent in Palestine.—Reuter.

Huge Haul Of Pure Morphine

New York, Mar. 9.

A Federal Narcotics squad today seized US$1,000,000 worth of pure morphine hidden in flour barrels, cracker boxes and the galley oven of the steamship Marine Marlin, shortly after it docked.

Collector of Customs Harry Durning said the drug was being smuggled by a ring with headquarters at Le Havre, France. He predicted that this loss would "break the back" of the ring. It followed smaller seizures in the last few months.

No arrests have as yet been announced. One searching squad of the Customs Department, headed by Deputy Surveyor Herman Lapski, boarded the ship for a regular routine inspection shortly after the ship arrived from Le Havre and Southampton. The officers were particularly on the lookout for narcotics because of the sailing point of the American ship.—United Press.

Arabs Draw Up Their Battle Plans

(By Seaghan Maynes, Reuters Special Correspondent)

At Samarian mountain H.Q. of the "Arab Liberation Army" Mar. 8.

Battle plans for the Arab Liberation Army's war against the Jews in Palestine were drawn up tonight in this closely guarded mountain-top village, now serving as temporary headquarters of the Arab Commander-in-Chief, Fawzi Bey Kawukji, who crossed into Palestine from Syria with armoured cars and jeeps mounted with machine guns.

The Arab Commander-in-Chief tonight got down to work with his local commanders, poring over maps and receiving intelligence reports on the strength, armament and personnel of Jewish settlements against which the full force of his trained men, with modern weapons, will be thrown when the battle plans are put into action.

When I reached the mountain headquarters after passing through several check points and road blocks manned by disciplined Arab uniformed troops, Kawukji told me. "Our men will be ordered into action when the battle plans are completed."

All day and night, endless streams of vehicles have been churning up the mud on the partly flooded mountain roads, following the torrential rains.

Arab guerilla chiefs, in Arab headdress and various types of battle dress, surrounded by armed escorts, are converging on the headquarters to receive instructions on points and the disposition of the forces for all-out attacks.—Reuter.

Rome, Mar. 8

The Italian Government has been invited by the British and French Governments to resume its place on the Control Committee of the International Zone of Tangier, the British Embassy announced here tonight.—Reuter

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HARBOUR RULES

The Director of Marine's laudable attempt to discipline the operators of river steamers (as a result of the fire panic aboard the s.s. Kwong Tung) gives the impression of a counsel of perfection rather than of a scheme to which owners will readily conform.

Its weakest point is apparent at first glance. Reliance is placed upon the owners of river-craft to accept the necessities of the situation and voluntarily introduce the reforms which the Director of Marine considers to be desirable. Which means, in effect, that those companies against whom no complaint can fairly be lodged, will put themselves to the trouble and, to some extent, inconvenience of meeting the requirements, while the less responsible operators (charterers particularly, whose only interest is in quick turn-over) will evade even where they do not entirely ignore the recommendations.

The oblique threat to introduce legislation to enforce compliance should it not be conceded voluntarily is there, of course—but it is not difficult to predict that if Mr. Jolly is bluffing, his bluff is likely to be called.

Much that is contained within the proposed new 'rules' runs, after all, in direct counter to old custom, and it is the old, bad habits that die hardest. Some of the criticism, too, has point. It takes more than a Director of Marine to lay down details of a system to be followed and a shipping company to endeavour to carry it into effect: the third party to the operation is the public, and in Hong Kong, a public which takes least kindly to innovation.

It may be hoped that prophecies of failure will be falsified. In general, the requests of the Director of Marine are reasonable enough, designed as they are to prevent a repetition of the tragic affair aboard the Kwong Tung. If the shipping interests concerned will go but half-way to meet the recommendations, something useful will have been accomplished.

Finland On The Fence

After eleven days of anxious discussion, Mr. Juho Paasikivi, Finland's veteran President, has notified the Kremlin that Finland is prepared to negotiate on the proposed mutual assistance pact.

It has taken Moscow a long time to realise that in spite of Russia's tactful attitude since the armistice of 1944, she is no better liked by the Finns than she has ever been, and now the thumbscrew is apparently to be applied.

Finland is not, of course, in quite so desperate a position as was Czechoslovakia.

Russia could not occupy Finland in present circumstances, since the Finns have rigidly fulfilled all obligations laid upon them by the peace treaty, and Britain, as well as Russia, supervises adherence to those terms.

To sabotage Finnish deliveries of reparations to the Soviet Union would be for Russia to cut off her own nose to spite her face, since she badly needs the goods which Finland is sending her.

If the new pact which Russia proposes merely calls upon Finland to help Russia in the event of attack on the Soviet Union through Finnish territory, then the Parliament in Helsinki might approve it.

But if a pact of general assistance is proposed it is fairly certain that even now it will be thrown out.

The non-Communist parties, with a total of 141 seats in Parliament, are clearly determined to avoiding entanglements with any one while remaining friendly with Russia as with every other country.

Only the Communists and extreme Left Wing Socialists (with 49 seats) agree that their country's interests lie entirely with Russia and her friends.

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BRITAIN—ACCORDING TO LIPPMANN

Now the politicians and publicists cry "Crisis," making American flesh creep. They refer not to their own but to ours.

It is being stated by the Elder Statesman of American journalism, Mr. Walter Lippmann, and echoed by Senators and followers, that even with full Marshall aid Britain cannot avoid bankruptcy.

The "great liquidation" is declared to be certain. However, with the help of American dollars it will be possible perhaps to "manage an orderly reorganisation out of bankruptcy and prevent the catastrophe of mass unemployment and hunger in the British Isles and the galloping collapse of British commitments in the outer world."

That is the best we can hope for, according to Lippmann and others. And in order to achieve even this melancholy goal it will require "sacrifice, discipline, and political audacity on a scale and in a degree which no free people in all history has ever had to show."

The great journalist is generous enough to add that if any people can meet this test the British people can.

This dirge is more harrowing than anything our own leaders have had to say. It chilled American blood and made the public breathe nervously. If true, and Mr. Lippmann, more experienced in international affairs than either President Truman or General Marshall, prides himself on his accuracy, then Whitehall and Washington are in a deep coma.

Mr. Lippmann and his disciples in the State Department could, of course, be wrong. I recall the impressive burial ceremony that took place last winter when we were interred with the utmost pomp.

The funeral march went on for weeks and was halted only when it was discovered that the British weren't dead after all, but were going busily about their work. It could happen again.

Partition or UNO?

Nerves here are very taut, particularly in New York. The slide in commodity markets has been checked, but other worries plague the Americans.

The Palestine issue is high on the list, and many people take the view that if partition is not enforced then the United Nations will have been struck a death-blow.

The Zionists are screaming "Sell out" and producing more inflammatory advertisements: "Murder can be stopped by action, not promises."

Hotheads blame us on no evidence at all for the week-end's slaughter in Palestine. Most troublesome to Mr. Truman is the warning that he will lose the votes of New York State, pivot of the election, unless he takes immediate vigorous action on behalf of the Jews.

Thus the international problem is being made a cheap, vote-cadging issue. The political backmailers and pressure artists are putting the squeeze on the President.

But no one is volunteering for military service in the Holy Land. Certainly not Mr. Ben Hecht or the advertisement writers.

Public opinion is most cold to the idea of sending American troops to be shot at by both Arabs and Jews. It would prefer to leave such unpleasantness to the British. We will be the world's silliest suckers if we fall for that again.

Joes' Round

Puzzled by the to-do over politics here and abroad, the plain man is seeking relaxation in sport. There is particular interest in Joe Louis's tour of Britain, and since the champion left Jersey Joe Walcott, his most recent opponent and some say victor, has been very belligent.

Jersey Joe is telling the world: "The style I used will always beat Louis. He's a mechanical fighter, and he won't ever be anything else. I've beaten him once and I will pulverise him next time."

Sports writers and fans here are annoyed that Louis is insisting that Walcott immediately sign for a return bout and is threatening to fight Gus Lesnevich instead.

The truth is, the terms offered Walcott aren't good enough. The man is being exploited. He is worth more money than is being offered him and is the only logical opponent for Louis.

So They Say

There is no flagging in American interest in the British scene. Newspapers and magazines are full of features about us. The current *Saturday Evening Post* says: "Even the sturdy British have been battered by the war into a state perilously near national neurosis."

Newsweek compares us unfavourably with the Irish. Its London correspondent says: "I found the Irish friendly, helpful, and lacking in that sense of hurt pride and vague resentment which characterises the attitude of so many English towards Americans today.

In fashion the latest lingerie here is dazzlingly daring, being festooned with telephone numbers and come-on slogans.

People now begin to fear that only posterity is around the corner.

Spot On Eric

The big boss of Hollywood, Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, has upset the film capital.

By saying to reporters: "Salaries are far too high in every field of film production: mine is," he has put on the spot almost every executive.

Johnston has also made it difficult for cinemas to continue asking high admission prices. So producers are telling the film czar cautiously that it is all right to be frank, but do it little by little, Eric. Be discreet.

The movie president also urges drastic retrenchment and intensified competition, and warns that the boom days are over. In the land of wonderful nonsense he at least talks sense.

Rainbow Corner

Some studios hope to recoup on colour films. More and more producers are scrapping black and whites and putting their money on rainbow-hued celluloid.

Tinting is apparently here to stay and expand. It has a rosy future. Some £25,000,000 is invested in Technicolor features for this year alone.

The Government's plan to establish a voluntary censorship of film, radio, and Press in peacetime has collapsed. It has been booted out of the window by vigorous public opinion. This is a victory for free speech and expression.

Reports that a third of the British film industry may have to close down because of the 75 per cent. tax are raising hopes that the Socialist Government might relent.

John Wildberg, who produced "Anna Lucasta" in London, sails there again this time to sign up Hermione Gingold, who will star in "Sweetest and Lowest" on Broadway.

Curious, all Lana Turner's beaux' names start with "T"—Tyrone, Talbot, Turhan, Topping.

Gertrude Lawrence opened in a revival of "Tonight at Eight-Thirty" this week and was terrific as usual, but the audience missed Noel Coward.

Without Ginger

Spencer Tracy and Deborah Kerr will star in "Edward, My Son," which George Zukor is going to London especially to see.

Ginger Rogers's mother, Mrs. Lela Rogers, Communism's most militant foe, is distributing literature for the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, of which she is one of the founders.

She might have thought up a snappier title for the outfit.

George Bernard Shaw has rejected Maurice Evan's plea to pick Man and Superman on the radio. Shaw will do his own broadcasting—he always has.

Hollywood says about the Joe Louis trip that it is the first time an American has gone to England to show off his title—it usually the other way round.

Correction: Don't take too much stock in Wall Street's rise and slump.

There are still not [illegible]

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The efforts of a local press to redress abuses where the remedy lies in the Foreign Office, let the abuses be ever so glaring and the effusions of the writer ever so forcible, avail nothing; he would find it a much better trade to bottle up his lucubrations, take them home, and make speeches before the Colonial Reform Association, or at Exeter Hall.

In these places, a little truth goes a long way, and if our supposed abuse-corrector possessed "the gift of the gab," and expended his veracity with a due regard to economy, he would certainly become a great card.

We have, however, always laboured under the impression that a local paper can produce the effect of having local abuses redressed, the remedy lying in the local Government, provided they are represented to the Government and the public in a proper manner—that is, the abuse give way to popular indignation.

We trust this impression is not a delusion.

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It is requested that Shippers of Cargo and Passengers, who intended to Join in Spanish Dollars, will intimate the same to the Agent, after the 31st inst. the rate Calculated [illegible]

George And Nicholas

Thrown on the mercy of a hard and devastated world, little George and Nicholas stumbled through the streets of Berlin.

George aged seven, carried his two-year-old brother on his back; he was cold and tired and hungry, and on his face were the marks of a misery that tears could no longer relieve.

His big eyes were searching the gutters for scraps of food—or for anything that he could barter for something to eat.

Nicholas, perched precariously on his shoulder, was a heavy weight, and slipped occasionally so that George had to pause to make his burden more comfortable.

It was no good to ask the civilians for help, for the wanderers had come from Poland and they would not be understood.

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Their parents were dead—and George's most vivid memory was of the burning tenements of Warsaw. For months they had been fending for themselves, sleeping in the open or in bombed buildings. They begged for their food—or stole it.

Somehow George could only say that he had "tried to get away"—they had travelled the five hundred miles to Berlin.

But George and Nicholas had a stroke of luck. They were spotted by a relief worker. Patiently she questioned them. George was suspicious. He was so accustomed to making his own way, without requesting or accepting help from others.

Reluctantly he allowed himself to be taken to a centre—attracted by the promise of food. But, tired as he was, he would not allow little Nicholas to be taken away from him. He clutched him more closely.

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He held the bread that was put in his hand carefully, as though it were some precious metal.

Then he bit into it and chewed conscientiously, testing it out. Suddenly his face brightened. He broke off a piece from the slice—and fed Nicholas.

These little waifs are part of a great army of suffering children.

In Europe alone there are, according to a United Nations estimate, about 60,000,000 on the danger line of starvation—and the number in the Far East is three times as great. Nearly 5,000,000 children in Europe are in the grip of tuberculosis—and there are not sufficient doctors or medical supplies to cope with the problem.

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CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Whatsa matter? Can't a hungry customer get his order taken around here without the police barging in?"

Nearly As Gay—Vienna

By Antony Terry

The only people here who are not showing much interest in the London talks on a State treaty for Austria are the Austrians themselves. While the future of Austria is debated by four nations, 6,000,000 Austrians have little time for details of the dispute.

Sick of conferences and discussions, what they want to know is: "When do you foreigners get out of our country and leave us to manage our affairs alone?

Meantime the Viennese are still recovering from a round of carnival balls and dances which started up after Christmas and ended on Shrove Tuesday. Unlike some European cities many of Vienna's big dance halls and assembly rooms have remained intact, despite bombing and fighting in the city.

Though present-day Vienna has lost the glamour of Waltz King Johann Strauss, and the great glittering cut-glass chandeliers that used to illuminate receptions of the Emperor Franz-Joseph glow dimly at times as the electric current fails, the Viennese try hard to recapture the past gaiety to the strains of boogie woogie and swing.

Strange Mixture

A few Viennese women have the New Look frocks worn in London and Paris, but most of them wear long evening dresses and their escorts smartly tailored dinner jackets for the carnival dances.

Life here is a strange mixture of old and new—picturesque characters which might have come straight from Dickens, with elegant side whiskers and stovepipe trousers, dance side by side with products of the Vienna black market: young men in spiv-style American tuxedos, chain-smoking American cigarettes which cost the equivalent of 15s. for twenty.

Meanwhile Viennese housewives have other worries, mainly connected with food and clothing, both hard to come by but slowly getting easier.

One of the minor sensations of Vienna life this week was the arrival of the first deep-frozen foods in the city's grocery shops. To the Viennese, who have been used to buying bad fruit and vegetables at excessive prices, these frozen foodstuffs are a foretaste of better things to come.

There are hopeful signs that the Austrian Government of right-wing Socialists is going to give way over the question of having a "grey market" where unrationed food will be sold freely at prices halfway between ration prices and black market. Austrians, who never took kindly to controls and whose refusal to observe the rationing rules have brought a flourishing black market into being, cannot understand why things are still so bad when Austria today produces two-thirds of the food she did before the war, when the Austrians were among the best-fed people in Europe, and only a quarter of it ever reaches the shops through legal channels.

The answer seems to be the relaxation of controls and rationing so that business will be able to find its own level, and this is the way things are tending in Austria today. Already a number of textiles are being quietly unrationed and sold on the free market, and were it not for the black market, Austrians would have ample fuel, since the country is already getting nearly as much coal as before the war.

Looking Ahead

Meanwhile Austrian fears of Russian intentions do not diminish, but although the Austrian man-in-the-street thinks the chances are thin of the treaty bringing a welcome release from the occupying troops, informed Austrians in touch with Allied circles are more optimistic, and rumours circulating in Vienna say the British authorities are making shadow plans for evacuation in October if the treaty is signed.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

RUFF IN THE LONG HAND

Ordinarily we like to use our long string of trumps for trump leads to take out the hostile trumps. The shorter trump holding in the dummy is the thing to employ in ruffing out our own losers when we are the declarer. There are times, though, when the timing of the play is best obtained by ruffing with big, or more of our own small trumps, perhaps so we can wind up by making a particular one of the defenders lead trumps back to us and thus make a losing finesse a winner.

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	S. A 4 H. A K 5 D. A K J 9 6 2 C. 7 5	

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable.)

East	South	West	North
1 C	Dbl	Pass	1 S
Pass	3 D	Dbl	Pass

With his own [illegible] South reads West's double as being a bunching of trumps against [illegible] either four or else all five. After the club Q was led, he cashed two positive tricks in hearts, ruffed a spade, and then led a diamond. [illegible] Dummy's [illegible] and [illegible] ruffed [illegible] South's [illegible] and [illegible] ruffed

THE HONG KONG

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

Luncheon hour at the International Women's Club in the Gloucester Building. Some of the young women are quietly reading after their meal.

THE Hong Kong International Women's Club, which before the war had a membership of 800 businesswomen in miscellaneous occupations in the Colony, has now been reopened. Occupying a section of the Gloucester Hotel, and run on a non-profit making basis, the Club's object is to provide cheap and wholesome meals for local working women of all ages in a cheerful and friendly atmosphere. Yesterday we paid a lunchtime visit to the Club premises and the pictures which you see describe everyday scenes to be found there between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m.

The Club restaurant is run on similar lines to a modern small-scale cafeteria. Each mealtime arrival first studies the menu and obtains a ticket from the cashier for food chosen. This is handed over the counter to the voluntary helpers who carry the order from the kitchen to the 'customer' on a tray. Members then carry their meal to whichever table they choose, and empty or used dishes are returned by the kitchen amah.

Catering is now in the hands of Mrs. R. Johanssen assisted by Mrs. H. Odell and although the Club employs two chefs and a housekeeper, the remainder of the work necessary to keep the organisation running smoothly is done by members who voluntarily give their services according to a rota system.

All food sold by the Club is extremely inexpensive when compared to hotel and restaurant prices. A meal consisting of soup, savoury, sweet and coffee totals $2.25 cts, while "a la carte" dishes average around $1 to $1.25 cts.

Although women members may not take their male friends to the Club during the luncheon period owing to shortage of space, they are able to do so at any other time of the day or evening for tea or light refreshments.

At present the Club may be said to be operating on a postwar austerity basis owing to the comparatively small premises (it is now in possession of only one-third of its pre-war space), but Chief Organiser Mrs. A. M. E. Matthews hopes that this situation will be changed in the future.

(Below).—Studying the menu for the day are Mrs. J. Welch (left) and Mrs. J. S. Gordon. They chose roast pork and pineapple. (China Mail photos).

A HEALTH. — A scene from "The Swordsman," a film based on a Scottish clan feud, which is showing in Hong Kong this week.

TENSE MOMENT.—Scene from "Dark Passage," a thriller in which Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall star.

TURNED BLONDE.—Loretta Young in a scene from "The farmer's Daughter," and blonde for the first time in her film career.

TERROR.—(On Left) Jean Simmons, eighteen-year-old star of "Uncle Silas," photographed at a dramatic moment in this outstanding British film.

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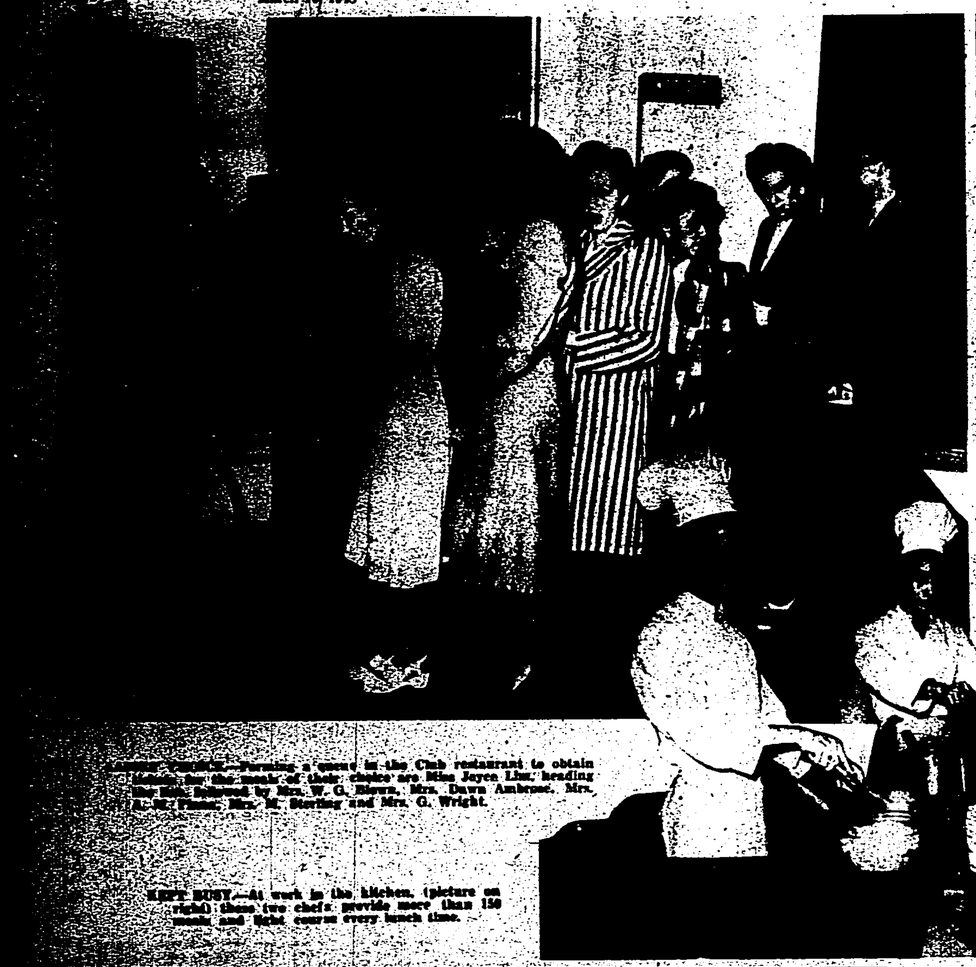

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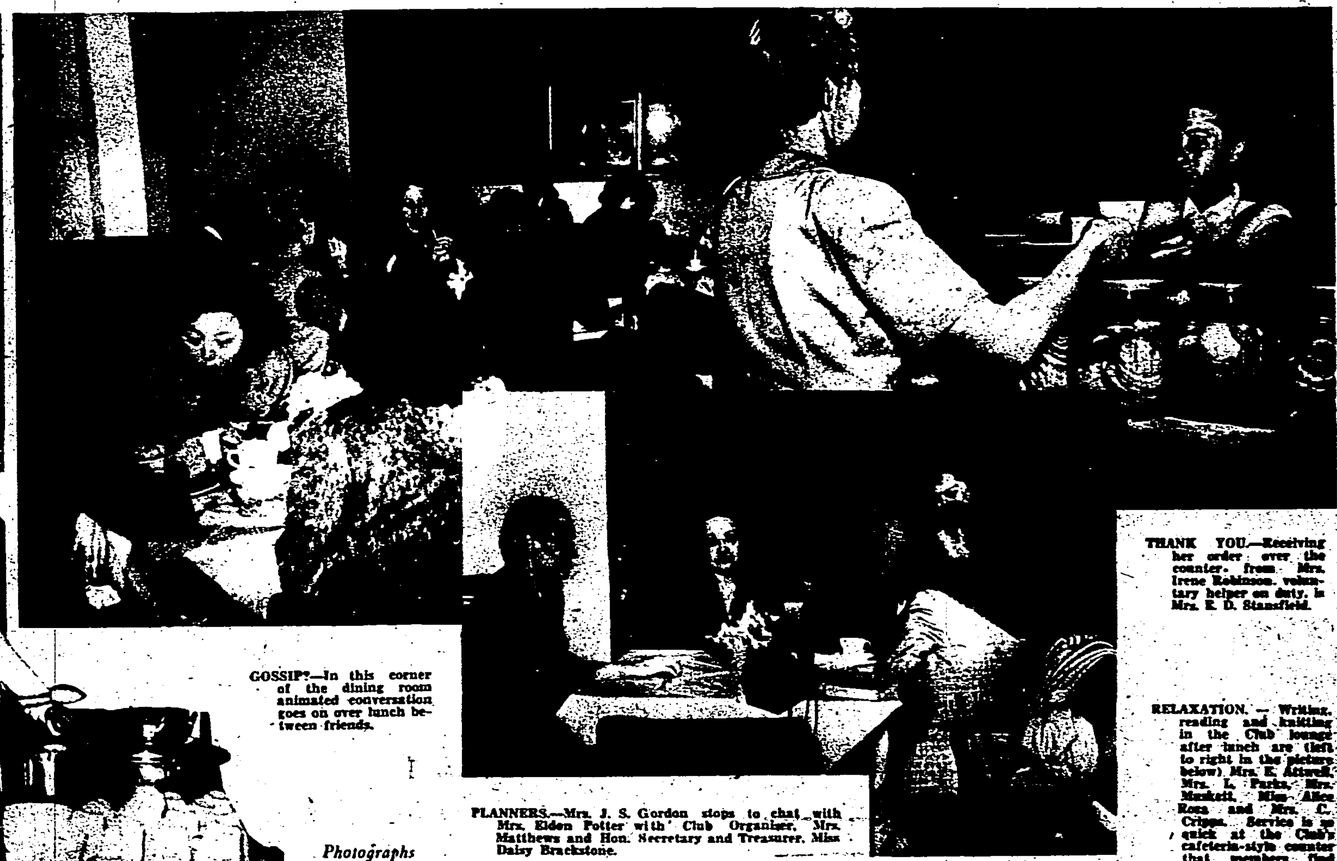

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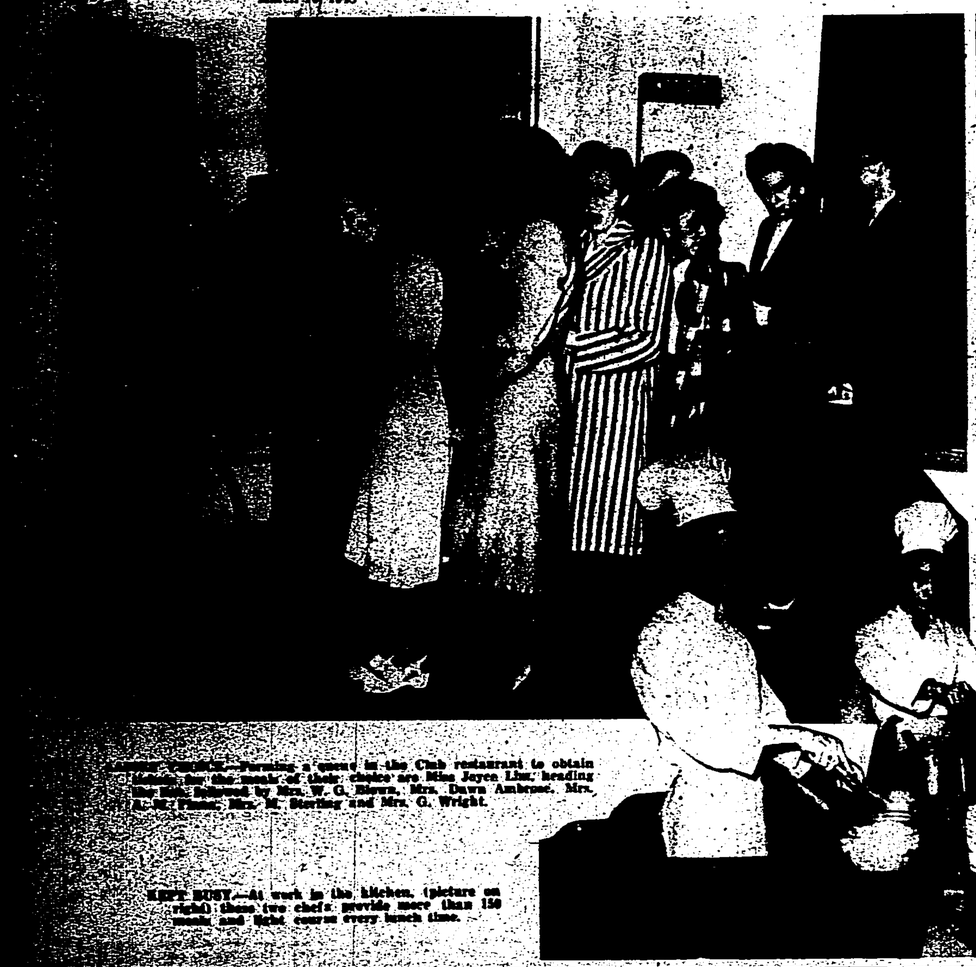

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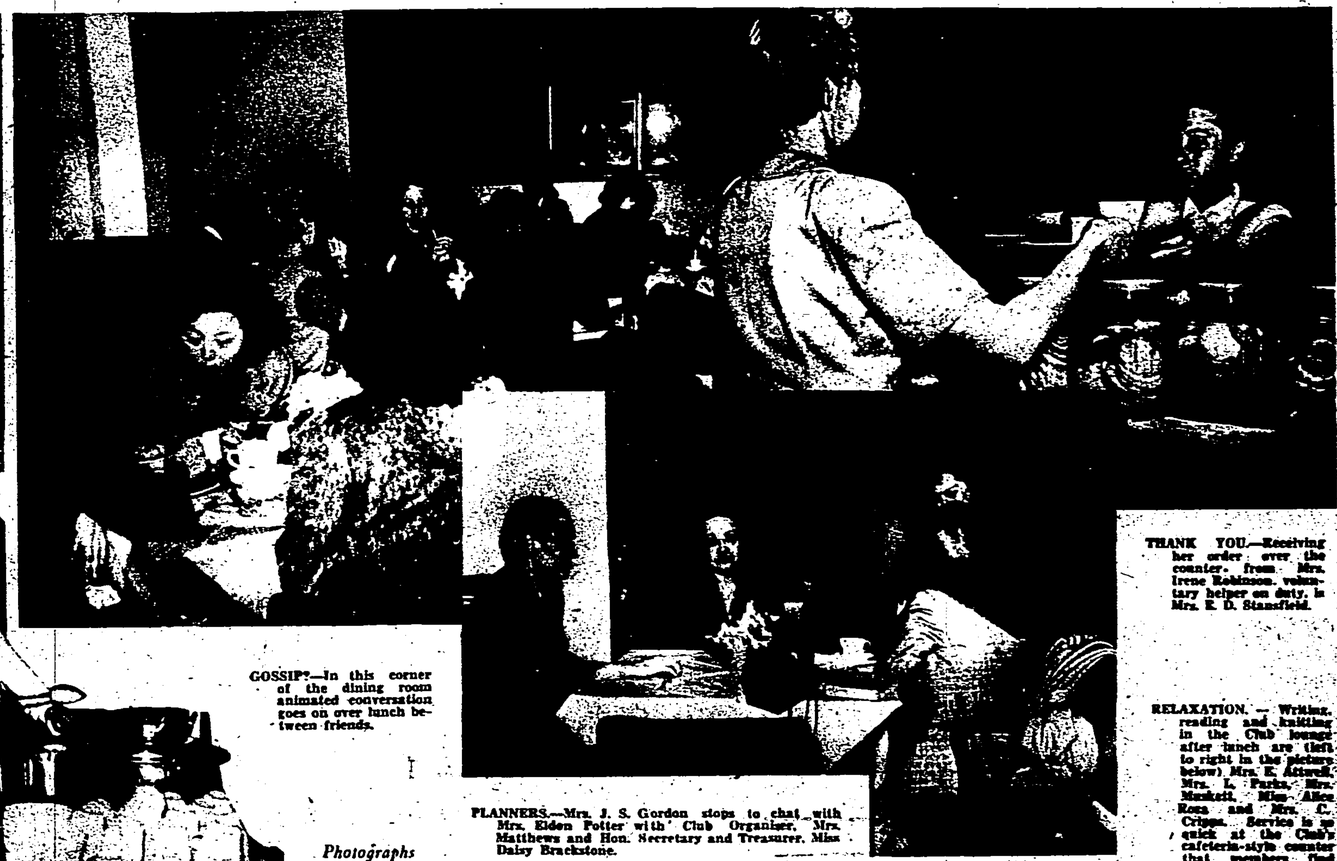

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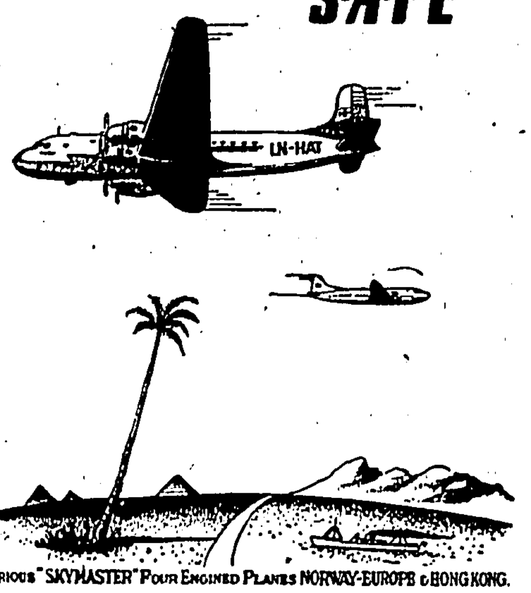

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FINNISH DELEGATION TO GO TO MOSCOW FOR TALKS

Pact Of Friendship And Mutual Assistance

Helsinki, Mar. 8.

The Finnish Government decided today to accept Marshal Stalin's recent offer to negotiate a Finnish-Russian pact of friendship and mutual assistance. A Finnish delegation will go to Moscow shortly to open talks.

A statement issued by the Finnish Foreign Office tonight said: "The President of the Republic has today in the State Council decided to reply in the affirmative to the Soviet Government's proposal to enter into negotiations with a view to conclusion of a pact of friendship and mutual assistance and to propose that these negotiations take place in Moscow."

Finland's reply came 11 days after Marshal Stalin first made his proposals for a friendship and mutual assistance pact. Differences arose, it was learned, over the place where the negotiations were to be held.

The Finnish President, M. Passikivi, preferred Helsinki, where the Finnish delegation would be in closer touch with the Government and Parliament, who must be consulted before Finland can constitutionally agree to any pact.

Some members of the Social Democrat Party have privately expressed disapproval of the negotiations taking place in Moscow on the ground that the Finns may be confronted with the text of a treaty and be given no opportunity to negotiate modifications.

Not Yet Sent

There have been hints in the past few days that Finland would want modifications of the proposals made by Marshal Stalin and would not be prepared to accept the Russian treaties with Hungary and Rumania as an exact model.

A Finnish Foreign Office spokesman said tonight Finland's reply had not yet been sent to Marshal Stalin.

He would not confirm that the reply would make the same points as were included in today's official statement.

The Finnish Foreign Office communique followed an hour's meeting today of the Government Foreign Affairs Committee of six Ministers, followed by a full meeting of the Cabinet, presided over by the Finnish President, which lasted nearly two hours.

Finn Delegates

The Social Democrats support the principle of negotiating with Russia, but, in a manifesto published last week, described such negotiations as "against the will of the majority of the Finnish people."

The composition of the Finnish delegation will be decided at another Cabinet meeting tomorrow. It is likely to consist of three or four Cabinet Ministers and three Members of Parliament representing the People's Democrat, the Social Democrat and the Swedish People's parties.

The Ministers strongly tipped as delegates are M. Mauno Pekkala, the Prime Minister, M. Yrjo Leing, Minister of the Interior, both People's Democrats, and M. Carl Enckell, the Foreign Minister, an Independent.

Misgivings

The entire Finnish press, with the exception of organs voicing the views of the People's Democrat Party, is expressing misgivings about the negotiations.

Newspaper administrations say they will make every effort to secure visas for reporters to cover the negotiations.

A Finnish Foreign Office spokesman, asked if Finnish journalists applying for visas for Moscow would receive official Finnish backing, said he could make no comment.—Reuter.

UNO PARTY SHELLED

Athens, Mar. 8.

A detachment from the United Nations Balkan Commission was shelled in Macedonia, near the frontier, press reports from Salonika said today.

No damage was done by the shelling, the reports added.—Reuter.

Police Open Fire On Strikers

Kyrenia, Mar. 8.

The police opened fire when six lorries, carrying workmen, were attacked by strikers at the Mavrovouni copper mines today. Two men were wounded.

The Pan-Cyprian Federation of Labour, however, called mass meetings in Nicosia tonight to protest against the death of a 50-year old man, who, they said, "was killed today while resisting strike-breakers."

Press reports that a striker was killed when the police opened fire were officially denied here tonight.

The strike at the copper mines began 54 days ago when the men demanded increased wages and a 40-hour week.—Reuter.

INFORMAL TALK ON PALESTINE

New York, Mar. 8.

The "Big Four" powers of the Security Council—all the permanent members except Britain—met here today to discuss the procedure for the talks on Palestine.

They did not deal today with any substantive matter connected with the Palestine problem. The meeting, lasting 75 minutes, was held very informally in the drawing room of M. Andrei Gromyko (Russia).

Those present were Mr. Warren Austin (United States), M. Alexander Parodi (France), Dr. T. F. Tsiang (China) and M. Gromyko, and their advisers.

The subjects raised as possible items on the agenda are, firstly, whether threats to peace exist in Palestine, secondly, the problem of organising a provisional Government, thirdly, the organisation of militias, fourthly, the question of an international force for Palestine, fifthly, a possible conciliation between the Jews and Arabs, and, sixthly, whether to invite the Jews and Arabs to the Big Four talks.

A British representative was being invited to a further preliminary meeting tomorrow night.

"We intend to press on as fast as we can," a United States spokesman said, "as there are only about seven working days before the deadline set by the Council."—Reuter.

Western European Union Talks

Brussels, Mar. 8.

A committee, set up today by Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, will draft the proposed treaty for a Western European Union.

Representatives of the five powers, meeting today, agreed on seven points and were brought closer together on economic problems.

The agreed points included some statements of principle.

The powers did not find themselves in complete agreement on problems affecting their oversees territories, and until a formula acceptable to all parties is found, the talks will be confined mainly to economic issues, it was understood.

The legal advisers to the drafting committee, sources close to the delegations said, were also working out a formula on arbitration before the International Court at The Hague in the event of any differences arising among the five countries.

The delegations will hold the next plenary session tomorrow morning. Work may be completed by Wednesday.

A Reuter despatch from Moscow quoted the Soviet Communist newspaper "Pravda" as saying the Brussels Conference was "a typical camouflage to mask the main object of Anglo-American diplomacy—the inclusion of Western Germany into the Union."—Reuter.

PRIORITY FOR WESTERN EUROPE

Washington, Mar. 8.

Western Europe should be given top priority in American economic assistance, General Lowell W. Rooks, Director General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, said today.

Economic and military aid were of equal importance for China, he added.

Testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the $570 million Chinese economic aid proposal, he said, when asked his opinion of administrative problems involved in combining Chinese economic and military aid with military assistance to Greece and Turkey and the European recovery programme into one world-wide project: "I cannot foresee any insuperable administrative difficulties in such a plan."—Reuter.

Egyptian Relations

London, Mar. 8.

Abdel Fattah Amr, Egyptian Ambassador in London, may shortly return to Cairo for consultations about the deadlock in Anglo-Egyptian relations, according to an informed source here.

He called on the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, tonight.

The visit to London of the British Minister in Cairo, Mr. E. A. Chapman-Andrews, is considered in diplomatic quarters to be connected with a new move to break the deadlock.

Official quarters in London have greatly regretted that Britain's recent call for an Anglo-Egyptian conference on constitutional reform in the Sudan was rejected by the Egyptian Government.

Since this attempt by the British Government to revive cooperation on the Sudan has failed, it is recognised that the situation has to be reviewed afresh.

Mr. Bevin's conversation tonight with the Egyptian Ambassador and the forthcoming discussions with Mr. Chapman-Andrews are the start of this review.—Reuter.

Labour 'Revolt' On Palestine

London, Mar. 8.

Two Labour Members of Parliament today withdrew their support of a week-end move to challenge the Government's bill covering the withdrawal from Palestine.

Mr. Ian Mikardo, a Labour Member of Parliament, disclosed last night that he and fellow Members intended to stage a "revolt" when the Palestine bill came before the House of Commons next Wednesday.

It was later reported that nine Labour Members had signed a motion to reject the Government's bill.

The motion complains that the bill does not make provisions for the independence of Jewish and Arab States in Palestine as provided by the United Nations decision or for the orderly transfer of such jurisdiction to the United Nations commission.

Two of the nine, Mr. T. C. Skeffington-Lodge and Mr. W. H. Ayles, explained, when they withdrew today, that they had signed the motion because they felt it would be a good thing to have a comprehensive debate on the Palestine issues.

As the motion has been construed as a revolt against the Government, they no longer wished to be associated with it.—Reuter.

'Shirtless Ones' Have A Majority

Buenos Aires, Mar. 8.

With early election checks today showing a majority for President Peron's followers, "the Shirtless Ones," it seemed likely that he would win the 61 seats in the Federal Chamber of Deputies needed to give him a two-thirds majority.

A Peron majority has never been in doubt but whether the President will be able to secure a revision of the constitution, which at present forbids his re-election without a six-year gap, depends on his gaining control of the Chamber with a two-thirds majority.

In this election, 82 of the 158 seats are being contested. In 1946, the "Peronistas" won 109—three more than the needed two-thirds—but deaths and a breakaway group brought their total down.

Opposition attempts to defeat the "Shirtless Ones" have been hamstrung by their own internal splits and the Government control of the press and radio.

One opposition meeting was banned an hour before the advertised time when municipal inspectors suddenly declared the premises to be insanitary.—Reuter.

Peace In Greece?

Athens, Mar. 9.

Maj.-Gen. James A. van Fleet, head of the U.S. Military Mission, predicted today a sweeping victory this year for the Greek Army.

The Army has been engaged for months in fighting leftist guerillas.

Gen. van Fleet has just made a five-day inspection of combat commands in the northern and eastern Greek area with Lieut.-Gen. Dmitrios Vadzis, commander of the Greek Army. He said that he was tremendously impressed with the quality of the soldiers.—Associated Press.

New York, Mar. 8.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, who arrived here by air today, told a press conference that he believed the world was heading for a third war.—Reuter.

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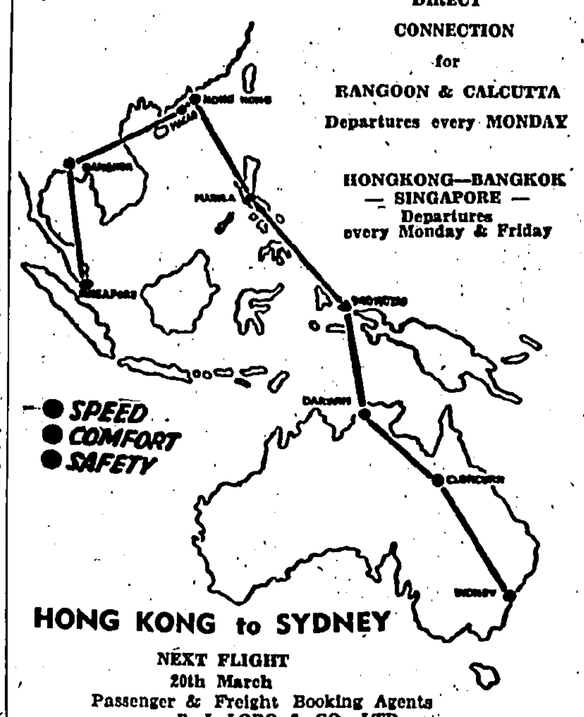

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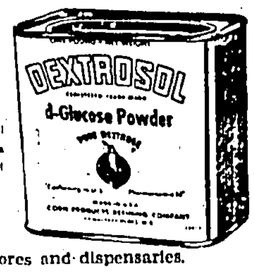

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HMS "NIGERIA" WASN'T HAVING ANY

(By Frederick Jones, Reuters Special Correspondent)

On Board HMS Nigeria, Antarctica, Mar. 8.

An Argentine lieutenant tried to deliver a protest to the British cruiser Nigeria when she arrived with the sloop Snipe at Melchior Harbour yesterday, but failed because Nigeria did not anchor and kept her engines running continually.

Earlier, Major Wilson, commander of Nigeria's Marine detachment, boarded two Argentine tugs anchored in Melchior Harbour and delivered a protest from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, Mr Miles Clifford, who is on a tour of the Islands Dependencies.

At the same time, an Argentine commanding officer boarded H.M.S. Snipe and said he could not accept any British protests as these were Argentine waters and he handed a protest to the commanding officer of Snipe.

Major Wilson also delivered a protest from the Falklands Governor to the leader of the Argentine shore base.

Melchior is approximately 800 miles south of Cape Horn and believed to be the farthest south a British cruiser has ever sailed.

The British ships later left Melchior, but I am unable to disclose their destination.

Exercise "Iceberg" will be carried out shortly when six-inch guns will carry out a practice shoot at an iceberg.—Reuter.

Who Says It Rains In London?

London, Mar. 9.

"Rainy old London" today completed its fourteenth consecutive rainless day.

The Thames Conservancy Board warned that London's water supply would be jeopardized this summer. Instead of depending as usual on deep springs, London must depend on rainfall during the summer, the chairman of the Board (Sir Jocelyn Bray) declared.

London basked today under a spring sun with temperatures at a maximum of 21 degrees. If there is no rain tomorrow, a "drought" will be declared.

Rainfall for the past six weeks has been 36 millimetres—13 mm below average. The natural flow of the Thames at Teddington was 900,000,000 gallons, compared with a standard daily average of about two milliard gallons.—United Press.

COLLISION IN THE SCHELDT

London, Mar. 8.

The Swedish motor vessel, Svaneholm (2,899 tons), inward bound from Baltimore for Rotterdam, was in collison today with the 6,121-ton Russian steamer General Chernakhovsky off Doel, in the river Scheldt, according to a Lloyds message from Antwerp.

The Russian ship was also inward bound from Odessa. The extent of the damage to both vessels is so far unknown.—Reuter.

Weston, Mass, Mar. 9.

A moderately strong earthquake about 5,200 miles from Boston in the vicinity of the Sea of Japan was recorded on the Boston College seismograph. The tremors continued for about 1 1/2 hours.—Associated Press.

Another Jewish Arms Dump Found

Paris, Mar. 8.

Discovery by the Marseilles police tonight of 15 trunks full of arms destined for Jewish terrorists in Palestine was quickly followed by three arrests.

This was the second arms dump found in Marseilles today and the fourth in France in three days.

The arms found were winged torpedoes, hand grenades and rifles of foreign make.—Reuter.

"Butter Racket"

Hanover, Mar. 8.

The people of Northern Germany are incensed at the revelation by a special committee of the Hanover Parliament of a "butter racket" in which 5,000 kilograms vanished between producer and consumer during last September.

Food Administration depots and provincial import agencies, dairies and farmers are said to have been involved and Germans are demanding strong punishment for the culprits.

One official told the police he knew of the "racket" but was powerless to stop it.—Reuter.

America Prepares For M-Day

Washington, Mar. 9.

The U.S. National Security Resources disclosed today the first blueprint of an organisation which will seek to prepare the United States for instant all-out mobilisation in the event of another war.

The board is charged with drawing up plans for the military, industrial and civilian mobilisation of the nation. The Chairman is Mr. Arthur M. Hill, former Greyhound Bus lines executive.

The organisational structure which the board announced will permit the board to map plans to bring every phase of national life into line for a future "M-Day." The basis of the far-reaching plan has 24 separate divisions. Twenty deal with the planning staff and the others deal with the coordination staff.

The planning staff aims at four things:

(1) To develop the basic principles underlying future mobilisation, including the evaluation of the national resources and the development of specific policies and plans for mobilisation;

(2) To prepare reports for the board, which is composed mostly of members of President Truman's Cabinet, and to coordinate the work of Government agencies with private organisation;

(3) To develop and evaluate legislation, executive orders and regulations for mobilisation;

(4) To consider overall problems such as stock-piling, civilian defence, strategic relocation and scientific and technological development — United Press.

"Koran In One Hand, Sword In The Other"

Paris, Mar. 8.

Prince Abdullah, issuing a statement to the press as chief of The Yemen delegation to the United Nations and general representative abroad, said his father's policy had always been to prevent any foreign interference in the affairs of his country and to refuse all concessions.

"This policy was bound to displease certain imperialists who believed that the creation of trouble in the country would provide them with the opportunity of realising their objectives. It was difficult to foment trouble as long as his late Majesty was alive."

He described the murderers of his father as "a band of assassins."

"The legitimate king, our great brother, Ahmed, is strengthening his forces every day and every hour", he added. "Soldiers outraged by the horrible crime at Sanaa are rallying round him, who is the legitimate heir to the throne, to avenge their Imam, our late father, who is mourned by his people and by the Arab world."

Prince Abdullah said his brother now had his headquarters at Hajia, in the north of the country.

He would shortly make "a triumphant entry into the capital of The Yemen and deliver it from the assassins."

The Prince added that when order was restored, a charter would be established in which all representatives of the nation would collaborate in a policy of friendship with all countries.

"It is obvious that we shall give preference to our Arab brothers and, after that, to those countries who show no imperialism in regard to us.

"With the Koran in one hand and the sword in the other and progress as his object, His Majesty, our great brother, the Imam Ahmed, will restore order and reconquer the capital from the looters and criminals, and the people of The Yemen will once again find peace and security for its noble aspirations."—Reuter.

Speed Urged For ERP

Washington, Mar. 8.

Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, personally urged Mr. Joseph Martin, Speaker of the House of Representatives, today to expedite House action on European aid.

Mr. Martin said he told the Secretary of State he believed the House would be able to act by April 10 or soon after.

Mr. Martin added that while the question of including military and other aid to China was discussed, the main purpose of the meeting was to consider a timetable for the European recovery plan.—Reuter.

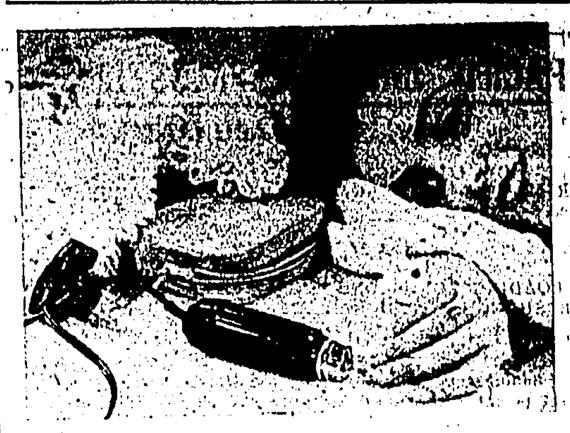
Mayoress Clocks In At Factory

Halifax, Mar. 9.

This evening, the Mayoress of Halifax, Mrs. Marjorie Buckley, mother of three children, clocked on at a cotton mill here and began her first night shift as a factory worker.

For four hours, dressed in a plain overall like other mill girls, she learned to be winder and earner of 1/4½d an hour as an unskilled worker.

Mrs. Buckley hopes to break down the prejudice of modern girls against working in mills.—Reuter.



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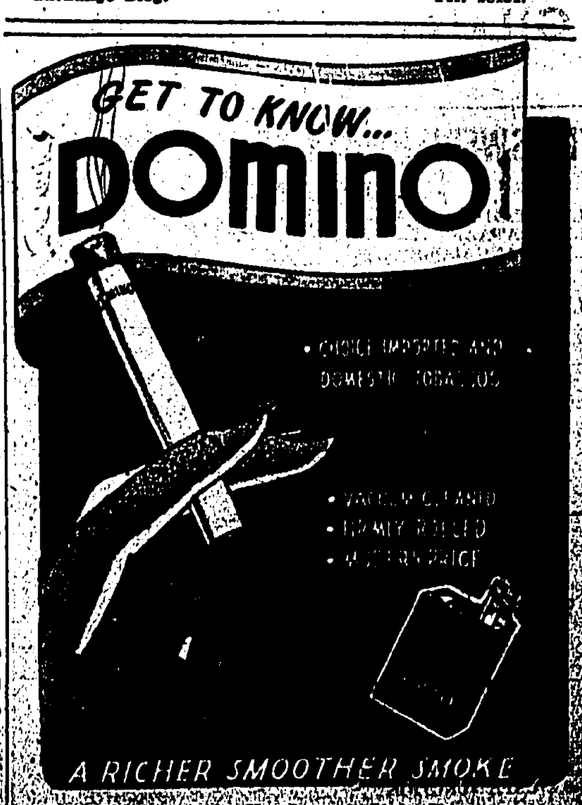

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Criticism By Mr. Churchill

London, Mar. 8.

Britain today has "a formidable fleet, second only in size to the United States," Mr. John Dugdale, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said in the House of Commons today in reply to recent criticism of the size and effectiveness of the Royal Navy.

"Except for battleships, where we certainly have fewer than before the war, we have today as many ships of each class as we had in an average pre-war year," he declared.

By December, the Royal Navy hoped to have in commission four battleships, three fleet carriers, five light fleet carriers, 17 cruisers, 34 submarines, 52 destroyers and 43 frigates.

Mr. Dugdale was speaking in the debate on the Navy Estimates for the next financial year, which, at £153 million, are £43,700,000 less than for the current year.

Referring to the "great development" in destroyers, he said that the improvement was so great that Britain's 24 newest destroyers had a comparable armament to pre-war light cruisers.

On the decision to scrap five old battleships, Mr. Dugdale said: "It would be stupid to keep them on now, using money and manpower to preserve them as souvenirs to be scrapped at the outbreak of another war and probably sunk within a few days.

"We mean to see that any admirals who may have to fight a war, be it in five, 15 or even 50 years time, will be certain of having the most up-to-date weapons with which to wage it", Mr. Dugdale declared.

Atom Research

"For that reason, we are proposing to spend about £9 million on research." A substantial part of it would go into research into the effects of the atom bomb on war at sea.

The protection of crews from atomic bomb effects was receiving great attention. One of the most troublesome features was the radio active contamination of a ship caused by a nearby detonation.

Future submarines would have the "snort" equipment for taking in fresh air by a tube which had enabled the British submarine Alliance to make a trip of 3,000 miles submerged the whole time.

The Admiralty was also investigating alternative methods of submarine propulsion, including those initiated in Germany.

The development of the gas turbine engine for marine propulsion was still in its infancy. If successful, it would revolutionise the whole of naval warfare and merchant shipping.

Dominion Navies

Referring to the increase in the fleets of the Dominions, Mr. Dugdale declared: "We cannot today consider the Royal Navy in isolation, alone responsible for the defence of the Commonwealth.

"A great and growing body of ships and men has come to join us and to form a bulwark of strength to the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Canada now had a far larger fleet than before the war. The two new Dominions of India and Pakistan had each decided to have navies of their own. India's would include a cruiser and several destroyers.

In the colonial empire, Malaya had "shown a fine example" by the decision reached in January to create its first permanent naval force.

Proposals for the establishment of naval forces were being considered in other colonies.

Churchill Criticism

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, said the efficient administration in the fighting services had sunk to its lowest level and there was no one in the Government who had the vital grip to restore the situation.

The announcement that Britain had only one cruiser and four destroyers in the Home Fleet had caused a great shock throughout the whole free democratic world, he said.

"Britain has always floated upon her navy. Our great Indian Empire has gone down one drain and now the the Admiralty proclaim that the great British Home Fleet has gone down another."

"Can you wonder", he asked amid laughter, "that you are cheeked by Chile, abused by the Argentine and goaded by Guatemala?"

Complaining that the Admiralty was writing down the strength of the Navy, Mr. Churchill said the Navy's real strength was higher than the Government made out but this policy of secrecy was "stupid".

"Senseless Lie"

Urging that the five battleships now being scrapped should be retained, Mr. Churchill said he was told that they might conceivably become strongly armoured launching platforms for guided missiles.

Returning to the "senseless and lying" Admiralty announcement that the Home Fleet consisted only of one cruiser and four destroyers, Mr. Churchill said if anybody had set himself out to cry down Britain, he could not have done it better.

Mr. Brenden Bracken, First Lord of the Admiralty in Mr. Churchill's last Conservative Government, who was in South Africa at the time of "this lamentable exposure of Britain's weakness", had told him that the anti-British parties and press in South Africa derided General Smuts.

"All these years," they said, "he has been telling us we must hold on to Britain because of the naval defence and security she gives us. Where is it now, they asked. One cruiser and four destroyers! Why, that is less than the Chilean Navy."

Mr. Churchill added: "I believe that was a fact — a battleship, one cruiser and six destroyers was the strength of the Chilean Navy, and the Chileans noticed this point too.

All Rubbish

"Hence the alarms and excursions. All our friends in South Africa, Boer and Briton alike, were embarrassed by the Admiralty statement. They did not know what to say.

"Let me tell them now. It was all rubbish. There never was in a time of peace a British navy which had so few possible foes and so many powerful naval friends. There never was a British navy which had more ample reserves.

"Let them have faith. Let them not be misled by this passing phase of mismanagement and disorganisation. A period of wise and careful administration would soon restore our naval strength and repute throughout the world."

Mr. Churchill said if the Government had taken his advice and reduced the navy personnel nearly three years ago instead of now, the Royal Navy would by now be approaching a period when it would have something like a Home Fleet in commission again.

Alexander's Reply

Mr. A. V Alexander, Minister of Defence, who spoke next, claimed that had Mr. Churchill's advice in 1945 been followed, the Fleet would have been in a disastrous position with not enough trained men left in the Navy today.

Replying to Mr. Churchill's criticism of scrapping of old battleships, Mr. Alexander said good use of the ships put into reserve had been made in the past but were those conditions likely to operate in another war?

To put the battleships Nelson and Rodney into a fit condition to go into reserve would cost £11,000,000 and £12,000,000. They would take up dockyard labour for the next three or four years.

Mr. Churchill: "I don't believe it at all. They could be placed in basins or roadsteads, where they might remain, without that expenditure".

Mr. Alexander replied: "We will not allow the Royal Navy to come to a position of weakness in which it would be unable to meet its commitments.

South America, Please Note

"We have accepted naval advise and take full responsibility for it of the temporary immobilisation of certain ships, while we get more quickly to a balanced training force capable of manning the ships at an early date."

Regarding the possibility of manning, Mr. Alexander declared: "If we need a balanced task force to go to sea within one week to 10 days from now, it could be provided.

"I would like that to be known, not only here, but to the world. It would very seriously interfere with the detailed technical scheme of training, but, nevertheless, it can be done and would, if necessary, be done".—Reuter.

Imperial Conference Suggested

London, Mar. 8.

An Imperial Defence Conference on British naval strength was suggested by Earl Howe, Commodore in the Royal Naval Reserve, in the House of Lords today.

He referred to the Government announcements on the scrapping of ships and asked: "Has the Government sought the view of the Dominions?"

He suggested steps might have been taken much earlier to prevent "a clash of interests" in the Falklands Islands.

"Why could we not have accepted the offer made by the Australian Government to send a cruiser," he asked.

He had no doubts that Britain's failure to obtain reparations from Albania for the loss of so many British seamen when the destroyers Saumurez and Volage were "deliberately mined in the Corfu Channel," made other nations think they could "twist the lion's tail with impunity."

The Services—land, air and sea—must combine in one gigantic operation, and he hoped they would never again hear of troubles between wars when the Services seemed to be at loggerheads with one another.—Reuter.

Home Fleet To Visit West Indies

London, Mar. 9.

The Admiralty announced yesterday that the Home Fleet will visit the West Indies next autumn and call at "other British possessions in the area."

Making the announcement in the House of Commons, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, John Dugdale, did not specify the exact ports of call.

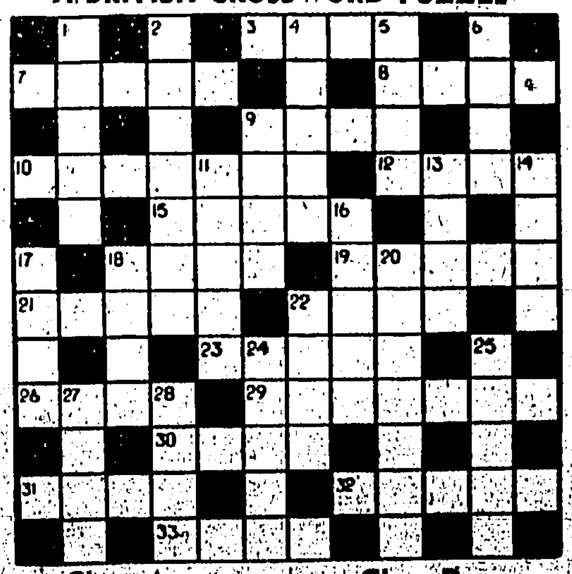
British Honduras, now subject of a territorial dispute with neighbouring Guatemala, is situated about a day's cruise from the Indies.

Two British cruisers, Sheffield and Devonshire, were sent to Belize, the Honduran capital, last week after the long-standing territorial dispute with Guatemala blazed up anew.

Mr. Dugdale said that the Fleet would engage in manoeuvres and would return to Britain in early December.

He said the composition of the fleet was not yet decided but it would probably consist of the battleship Duke of York, the third aircraft carrier squadron, the second cruiser squadron, two flotillas of destroyers and a fleet replenishment ship.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Just.
7 Look fixedly.
8 Assert solemnly.
9 Toll.
10 Judge.
12 Reverberation.
13 Narrow toward the point.
18 Run away.
19 Lubricated.
21 Harden.
22 Chase.
23 Aroma.
26 Thin strip of wood.
29 Commanded.
30 Unfasten.
31 Stable.
32 Proboscis.
33 Plague.

Clues Down

1 Tempest.
2 One guilty of treason.
4 Worship.
5 Garden tool.
6 Rubbish.
9 Cried.
11 Narratives.
13 Young animal.
14 Difference.
16 Circular.
17 Face.
18 Sculptor's work.
20 Incarcerates.
22 Principal figure.
24 Ciphers.
25 Hesitate.
27 Tune.
28 Protuberance.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Hawser, 7 Epic, 8 Super, 10 Canal, 11 Ills, 13 Delicate, 16 Rose, 18 Tree, 19 Resolution, 22 Heir, 24 Mar, 25 Heeds, 26 Pile, 27 Rapid.
Down—2 Appal, 3 Scrub, 4 Record, 5 Penitent, 6 Pill, 8 Paled, 12 Stern, 13 Ditch, 15 Inverted, 17 Oriole, 18 Tower, 20 Usher, 21 Ideal, 23 Rule.

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SHIP	FROM	DUE
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"TRESILLIAN"	Japan	17th Apr.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th May.
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai	29th May
"TREVOSE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai & Japan	11th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. Continent via Straits & Genoa	14th Mar.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	17th Apr.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits & Aden	19th Apr.
"TREVELYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	2nd May
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai	17th May
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	31st May
"TREVOSE"	Shanghai & Japan	17th June

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"CASTLEDORE"	Japan	13th Mar.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"CASTLEDORE"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Cochin, Bombay	15th Mar.

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Amoy	13th Mar.
"SIRDHANA"	Calcutta & Rangoon via Straits	22nd Apr.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Amoy	a.m. 10th Mar.
"SANGOLA" •	Calcutta via Straits Rangoon & Madras	10.30 a.m. 15th Mar.

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"FLYING ENTERPRISE"	Inchon, Yokohama, Shanghai, About 17th Mar.	Manila, Kobsichang, Singapore, Bombay, Aden, Djibouti, Port Said, Haifa, Instanbul, New York.
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	Due from	Sailing for
"TJISADANE"	In Port	Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar. 14th March.
"TJIBADAK"	Amoy 11th March	Amoy 13th March Sailing for Manila & Amoy 17th March Sailing for Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar, 27th March.
"VALERIUS"	In port	Manila, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Batavia 13th March.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

	Due from	Loading for
"RUYS"	In port Sailing for Shanghai 5 p.m. 19th Mar.	Manila, Singapore, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro. 25th March. Sailing 5 p.m. 28th March.

Transhipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.

"BOISSEVAIN"	South America South Africa Mid April.	South Africa South America end April

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

	Due from	Sailing for
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Swatow & Amoy 13th March	Singapore-Penang Belawan Deli 14th March.
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Belawan, Deli, Penang Singapore 21st March Sailing for Swatow & Amoy.	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, 31st March

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	Due from	Loading for
"GAASTERKERK"	Europe, on or about 12th March	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Oslo on or about 6th April.
"ALPHACCA"	Europe, on or about 2nd April.	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo early May.
"RIDDERKERK"	Europe, early May	Manila/Singapore Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Oslo early June.

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Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Late March	m.v. "BALI"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	10th March	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
	8th April	m.v. "MINDORO"
Pacific Coast	Early April	m.v. "HEMLAND"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Manila	20th March	s.s. "ESCALANTE"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles (San Francisco) & Los Angeles)	25th March.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
	2nd April	m.v. "TAMARA"
	Early April	m.v. "BATAAN"

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SAILINGS

S.S. "HAI CHIAO" Bangkok ..... Mar. 13
S.S. "HAI YE" Swatow, Foochow & Rangoon Mar. 17

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DISTRICT BANK SUGGESTION

Coordinated Devaluation Of Sterling, Dollars In Relation To Gold

Manchester, Mar. 8.

To avert the danger of an international currency warfare, the District Bank (Britain's sixth biggest bank) suggests that the International Monetary Fund should take the initiative in arranging a coordinated devaluation of sterling, dollars and other currencies in relation to gold.

The bank claims that this would expand also the credit base of all countries with gold reserves. The bank also emphasised the need for an all-round internal deflation in all countries.

The Manchester Guardian City Editor comments: This suggestion would merely give countries including Britain more dollars for gold. As the United States cannot do anything useful with its gold for a long time ahead, the scheme would simply be a dollar grant, additional to the Marshall plan.

For example, if joint devaluation were 20%, the aggregate monetary gold holdings outside the United States, estimated at about $10,000,000,000, would be worth about $2,000,000,000 more on sale in New York, where most of it will undoubtedly go before long.

Britain would share in the bonus with about $400,000,000. That would certainly give Britain a little more credit but it would hardly appeal to Washington.

Mr. Sydney Gampell, Reuter's Financial Editor, comments: The biggest effect might be not on existing gold stocks but on newly mined gold.

Gold Output

Whitehall recognises that since the price of gold has been fixed while all other prices have risen, the sterling area's annual gold output nowadays covers a far smaller proportion than formerly of the sterling area's deficit with the western hemisphere.

This could be remedied only by raising gold's dollar price (or of course by a slump in western hemisphere commodity prices), raising gold's sterling price by, unilateral sterling devaluation would not help this problem (except by its shock effect on the western hemisphere commodity prices).

Incidentally, a 20% dollar devaluation would raise gold's dollar price by 25%. Thus the enhancement of $10,000,000,000 worth of monetary gold stock outside the United States would be $25,000,000,000.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold was a little further down the scale yesterday but the undertone was very strong.

Opening at $345.75 a tael it went down to $343.50 shortly after the market opened. It then recovered and reached $347.50 before it again reversed trend and closed at $346.

Piastres had a marketless day at $12.00 a 100.

Chinese National Currency took the down grade as futures dropped to 15½ cents for CN$10,000 after opening at 16½ cents. There was no business in spot which was quoted nominal at 18 cents.

Ticals appreciated slightly to $26.60 a 100, as also NEI Guilders to $31.00 a 100.

U.S. dollars maintained the level of the previous day, and notes were at $5.63½.

Sterling made a sharp recovery to $12.95. Australian pounds were unchanged at $12.53.

In Shanghai yesterday (says Reuter) the open market rates were changed to CN$192,500 (buyers) and CN$197,500 (sellers) for the U.S. dollar, and CN$577,500 (buyers) and CN$592,500 (sellers) for Sterling.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, March. 8.

Breaking commodities cast their shadow on the stock market today and many leaders dipped fractions to two points or so. From the start selling never was urgent and scattered pivotals managed to maintain modest plus signs.

There were 740,000 transfers.

Among gainers were Douglas Aircraft, Lockhead, Grumman, Glenn Martin, American Airlines, Chesapeake and Ohio, Dow Chemical, Ruse Gypsum. Stumblers included Plymouth Oil, Phillips Petroleum, Atlantic Refining, Allied Chemical, Pepsicola and Greyhound.

Dow Jones averages:—Stocks 60.82, 20 Industrials 167.71, 15 Rails 49.48, 10 Utilities 31.90.

Bonds improved selectively. Among curb gainers were Solar Aircraft, Garrett Corporation. Losers included Kaiser Fraser, Colonial Airlines, Creole Petroleum.

Closing stock quotations:—Adams Express 15⅛, Alaska Juneau 5⅞, American Can 79, American Smelting 50¾, American Telephone 150⅝, American Tobacco 62½, American Waterworks 7½, Anaconda Copper 31⅝, Aviation Copper 5, Baldwin Locomotive 12⅛, Barnsdall 35, Bendix Aviation 28½, Bethlehem Steel 31¼, Boeing Aircraft 26¾, Borden Co. 39¼, Canadian Pacific 10, J. I. Case 87, Chrysler 53¾, Colgate 39½, Commercial Solvent 21½, Corn Products 48, Du Pont 165½, Eastman Kodak 39, Electric Light & Power 15⅜, Gen. Electric 32⅝, Gen. Motors 51⅝, Goodrich 50⅝, Goodyear 40, Homestake Mining 41, Inter. Harvester 64¾, Inter. Paper 44½, Inter. Tel. & Tel. 13⅜, Johns. Manville 58¼, Kennecott Copper 45¾, Montgomery Ward 49½, National Distillers 18¾, National Lead 23⅛, New York Central 19, Packard Motors 4⅝, Pan American Airways 8¾, Pennsylvania RR. 17½, Radio Corp. 8¼, Republic Steel 24, Reynolds Tobacco 38½, Schenley 26¼, Sears Roebuck 84½, Shell Oil 31⅝, Socony Vacuum 15⅝, Southern Pacific 47½, Standard Brands 22⅝, Standard Oil of Calif. 57¼, Standard Oil of N.J. 72¼, Studebaker 16⅝, Union Bag 25⅝, Union Carbide 96, US Rubber 49½, US Steel 69, US Lines 17⅝, Westinghouse 38⅝, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 67⅝, Gen. Pub. Utilities 13⅛.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "ELPENOR."

Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. to 12 noon on 12th & 13th March, 1948, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1948.

Investigation Into China Finances

Honolulu, Mar. 9.

The Star-Bulletin said today that it learned reliably that President Truman has appointed Percy Hampton Johnston, retired chairman of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York, to investigate China's financial situation.

The paper said Mr. Truman telephoned the banker, who is visiting his son in Honolulu. It said that Johnston, who is in bed with a virus infection, declined to comment but that it was reliably informed that he would leave for China in a special military plane.—Associated Press.

BLACK MARKET IN GOLD

Brussels, Mar. 8.

Strong forces of police today raided cafes near the Brussels Bourse in a drive against black market trading in gold and foreign currency.

Six lorry-loads of people were taken away for questioning.

Although no "free market" in currency and gold exists in Belgium, for some months, the country's leading financial papers have been publishing daily "unofficial quotations." — Reuter.

N.Y. RUBBER

New York, Mar. 8.

Crude rubber futures closed 20 lower to 15 higher with sales of 145 contracts.

March 19.85 bid, May 19.50-55, July 18.90-95, September 18.50-52, December 18.10. No. 1 ribbed, smoked sheets, 20⅛ nominal.—Associated Press.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 13th March, 1948 will be subject to rent.

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Ben Line Steamers, Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th Mar., 1948.

TRAINING FLIGHT ENDS WELL

Honolulu, Mar. 9.

Ten Superfortresses and two C-54 transports landed safely at Barbor's Point airfield today on a training flight from Spokane, Washington, to Tokyo, after radio failure had caused an erroneous report that one of them was missing.

The plane last reported its position as it passed near Sacramento, California, at 0934 GMT. It was out of contact until 11 hours later when it passed over the island of Maui. It had 20 men aboard. —Associated Press.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A moderate day's business but prices inclined to the irregular.

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4% Loan 102x.
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3½% Loan (1946) 100b.
BANKS
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Chartered Bank £10.11/16n.
Mercantile Bk A. & E. £21n.
Bank of East Asia 185b.
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Canton Ins. 405n.
Union Ins. 755b.
China Underwriters 7½b, 8s, 7⅞sa.
H.K. Fire Ins. 305b.
SHIPPING
Douglases 240n.
H.K. & M. Steamboats 15n.
Indo Chinas (Pref.) 100n: (Def.) 300n.
Shells (Bearer) 75/7½n.
U. Waterboats. (X.D.) 50n.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. & K. Wharves (O) 170b, 180x: (N) (F. Pd.) 168x: (N). (P. Pd.) 112½n.
H.K. Docks 34x.
China Providents 25x, 25sa.
Shanghai Dockyards 25b.
MINING
Raub Mines 6½b.
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LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & S. Hotels 20½b, 21x.
H.K. Lands (Old) 91b, 91sa: (New) 89½n, 88½sa.
Shanghai Lands 6⅛b, 6⅝n, 6.35/6½sa.
Humphreys Estates 87½x, 88½sa.
H.K. Realties 18n.
Chinese Estates 190n.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways (X.D.) 23b, 24sa.
Peak Trams (Old) 21½b: (New) 11b, 10sa.
Star Ferries (X.D.) 182b, 185x, 182½sa.
Yaumati Ferries 45b.
C. Lights (Old) 22½b, 24n, 23½/24sa: (New) 19b.
H.K. Electrics (X.D.) 52b, 52½n, 52½/2/3¼sa.
Macao Electrics 21x, 21sa.
Sahdakan Lights 9b.
Telephones (Old) 51½n, 51sa: (New) 50sa.
Shanghai Gas 6½n.
INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) 20b.
Canton Ices 7n.
Cements (X.D.) 23¼b, 23/23½sa.
H.K. Ropes 23¾n, 23¼/¾/½sa.
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Dairy Farms (X. Rts.) 63½sa: (Rights) 41n.
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Lane, Crawfords 55b.
Sinceres 9.30n.
China Emporium 12n.
Sun Co., Ltd. 6¼n.
Kwong Sang Hong 210n, 203sa.
Wing On (H.K.) 148n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12b.
MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainments 27½n.
H.K. Constructions (O) 6b: (N) 6n.
Vibro Piling 12n.
Marsman Investments 13/8n.
Marsman (H.K.) 1.40b.
COTTONS
Ewos 18¾b, 18¾sa.
Rubber Trusts 4½n, 4sa.
Samagangas 7½n, 1,(0sa.

Paris, Mar. 8.

The French National Assembly tonight adopted an amended version of the Government's anti-inflation levy bill by 315 votes to 255.—Reuter.

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s.s. "LUKE HARRISON VICTORY"	Mar. 24	Los Angeles & San Francisco	Mar. 12	San Francisco via Kobe
s.s. "FLYING FOX"	Apr. 2	San Francisco	Apr. 3	San Francisco

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Hongkong, Mar. 10, 1948.

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Mar. 12, Air France, 2 p.m.

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Mar. 10, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.
Mar. 11, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
Mar. 13, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon
Mar. 15, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
Mar. 11, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

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H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 9 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Guam, Wake & Manila)
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
Mar. 15, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco
(Via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake & Honolulu)
Mar. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.
Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Saigon
Mar. 13, Air France 7.30 a.m.

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Shanghai, 2 p.m.
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Canton, 2 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekki, 4 p.m.
Kongmoon, 5 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
Closing Times By Air

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Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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Closing Times By Sea and Train
Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.
Shanghai, 9 a.m.
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Amoy, 10 a.m.
Bangkok, Noon.
Swatow, 2 p.m.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekki, 2 p.m.
Canton, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekki, 4 p.m.
Kongmoon, 5 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
Closing Times By Air

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Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Mauritius via Cairo), Augusta and London, Rawalpindi, D.E.I., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m., U.K.O. (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Iris (Thoresen) 1,514 tons from Swatow (Capt. S.A. Eidgood) B18
Hai Yu (C.M.S.N.) 4,461 tons from Takao (Capt. T.Y. Chu) A4
Nanchang (B. & S.) 1,489 tons from Bangkok (Capt. W.H.B. Paul) B11
Newchwang (B. & S.) 1,480 tons from Singapore (Capt. G.P. Cope) B4

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Hai Hsuan ..... Tsingtao
Pres. Pierce ..... Kobe
Tainan ..... Swatow
Wa Hing ..... Haiphong
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ARRIVALS TODAY

Kunistra (Bank Line) A10
Skaubo (Wm. Hunt) ..... K. Whf.

DEPARTURES TODAY

Aldegonda ..... Pladjoe
Benvorlich ..... Europe
Carrick Bend ..... Singapore
Po Yang ..... Kobe
Sangola ..... Amoy
Sinkiang ..... Shanghai

VESSELS IN PORT

Aldegonda (D. & S.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
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Anaiock (Wallem) ..... S.S. Pe
American Merchant (U.S.L.) ..... K. Whf.
Benvorlich (Loxley) ..... K. Whf.
Iris (Thoresen) B18
Hushwood ..... Kin. Bay
Benvorlich (Loxley) ..... K. Whf.
Iris (Thoresen) B18
Carmen Moller (Moller's) ..... S.S.
Caroline Moller (Moller) ..... Hungh
Carrick Bend (Everett) B8
Castledore (B.I.) A2
Catherine (S.E. Asia) ..... Yaumati
Coastal Champion (Everett) B8
Coombar (J. Manners) ..... Y.M.T.
Colgate Victory (A.P.L.) ..... K. Whf.
Elpenor (B. & S.) ..... Holt's Whf.
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Hock Lim (Ho Seng) ..... S.C.
Huang Hsing (C. Mer.) ..... S.C.
Hunan (B. & S.) B14
Hung Yung (Dodwell) ..... K. Bay
King David (Dodwell) ..... H.E. Whf.
Lady Wolmer (Wheelock) ..... Y.M.T.
Larkstock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Mairylee (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Memnon (B. & S.) ..... Holt's Whf.
Nanchang (B. & S.) B11
Newchwang (B. & S.) B4
Panamanian (Wallem) ..... S. Cutters
Perilock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Po Yang (B. & S.) ..... B. Indy.
Ruys (J.C.P.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Sangola (M.M. Co.) B1
Shantung (B. & S.) ..... Ymt.
Sinkiang (B. & S.) ..... Cust. Whf.
Solarium (B. & S.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Soochow (B. & S.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
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Surprise (U.S.L.) A12
Tai Hing (Fook Kee) from Swatow, Ymt.
Tai Ping (China Pacific) ..... S.C
Taipoohan (Shui Choong) ..... S.C.
Taishan Peak ..... S.S. Pe
Tatung (B. & S.) ..... S.C.
Tjisadane (J.C.P.L.) A1
Trevaylor (P. & O.) ..... K. Whf.
Turkshead (Everett) ..... Kin. Dk.
Unita (K. Larsen) ..... K. Dk.
Valerius (J.C.P.L.) A9
Whangpu (B. & S.) ..... S. Cutters
William Nott (Everett) B4
Wo Sang (Jardine) B7
Wu Chang (B. & S.) ..... S. Cutters

VESSELS DUE FROM

AMOY AND SWATOW

Mar.
17 Tjibadak ..... (J.C.P.L.)
12 Tsinan ..... (B. & S.)
13 Heinrich Jessen ..... (J.C.P.L.)

ATLANTIC PORTS

Mar.
Early. Lasalle ..... (Wallem)
19 Hendonhall ..... (J.C.P.L.)
11 Couser ..... (A.P.L.)
15 Steel Architect ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
19 Doña Aniceta ..... (De La Rama)
20 American Merchant ..... (A.P.L.)
25 Twin Falls Victory ..... (Gilman)
Apr.
Early. Cape Junction ..... (Gilman)
Frid. Andrew Jackson.
8 Mindoro ..... (De La Rama)

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
16 Kafiristan ..... (Jardine)
Late. Yunnan ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
Early. Nankin ..... (P. & O.)

CALCUTTA

Mar.
16 E-Sang ..... (Jardine)
22 Kuisang ..... (Jardine)

CANADA

Mar.
14 Oregon Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
18 Lake Pennask ..... (Jardine)
30 China Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
Apr.
Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)

EUROPE

Mar.
12 Gansterkerk ..... (J.C.P.L.)
19 Tamara ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
29 Batavia ..... (Gilman)
Apr.
Early. Deulawere ..... (Lokker)
Early. Java ..... (East Asiatic)
Early. Korea ..... (East Asiatic)
2 Alphacca ..... (J.C.P.L.)
8 Kamilla ..... (East Asiatic)
10 Rekata ..... (Gilman)
May
Early. Halland ..... (Gilman)
Early. Maasdijck ..... (Gilman)

JAPAN

Mar.
18 Castledore ..... (B.I.)
17 Flying Enterprise ..... (Pattison)
26 Wo Sang ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
17 Tramillian ..... (P. & O.)

JAVA

Mar.
19 Foochow ..... (B. & S.)
21 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)

KOBE

Mar.
Early. Glenapp ..... (Jardine)

MANILA

Mar.
17 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
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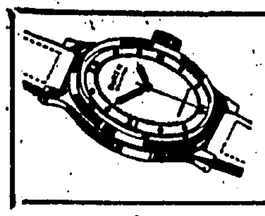

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Visitors From Java Make Poor Debut

1,000,000 WORDS ON H.K.

Ottawa, Mar. 8.

The Canadian Government intends to table about 1,000,000 words of hitherto unpublished evidence on the defence of Hong Kong in the House of Commons this week.

Only one copy of the evidence, taken by a Royal Commission in 1942, is being tabled because of the heavy printing cost.

Many Canadians were captured in the fighting before Hong Kong fell to the Japanese.—Reuter.

National Callover

London, Mar. 8.

The callover on the Lincolnshire Handicap, running next Saturday, March 13, and the Grand National Steeplechase, running at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 20, was held at the Victoria Club, London, tonight.

The prices offered were:

The Lincolnshire: Twenty to one Charion and Flexton offered, 22 to 1 taken. 22 to 1 Cresta Cup offered, 25 to 1 taken. 25 to 1 Philadelphe and Kinsale offered, 28 to 1 taken. 28 to 1 Watchlight Providential and Patron Saint, all taken and offered, 33 to 1 Aigle Royal, Bellwick and Lord Nelson, all taken and offered. 33 to 1 Lucky Jordan offered, 40 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Bees Gorse offered, 40 to 1 All Red taken and offered, 40 to 1 Kilbelin Bay and Commissar offered, 50 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Patchouly offered. 50 to 1 Hellcon and Musielle both taken and offered, 50 to 1 Domino, Clever Lad and Privy Purse offered.

The Grand National: 100 to 8 Silver Fume taken and offered, 20 to 1 Rowland Roy offered, 22 to 1 Rolmond offered, 25 to 1 taken, 28 to 1 Caughoo taken and offered. 28 to 1 Lough Conn offered, 33 to 1 taken. 28 to 1 Revelry, Happy Home and Cromwell offered, 33 to 1 Klaxton taken and offered. 33 to 1 Weevil offered. 40 to 1 Cloncarrig taken and offered, 40 to 1 War Risk, First of the Dandies, Loyal Antrim and Housewarmer, all offered, 50 to 1 Prince Regent taken and offered. 50 to 1 Soda offered. —Reuter.

Precautions At Valley

Alterations to certain structures at the Race Course to avoid accidents in future to jockeys and ponies are being made by workmen labouring day and night to complete the work before Saturday.

The two lower beams inside the stables have been dismantled. It was against one of these beams that Tang Man-wa, mounted on "Sunshine," struck his head and sustained fatal injuries on Feb. 28.

The iron railings leading from the paddock to the course are being replaced by a five-foot high concrete fence.

Hong Kong Eleven Wins Easily

The selectors of the China Olympic football team learnt very little from the trial game between the Java Chinese and a team drawn from Chinese teams on the island, in a game at Caroline Hill yesterday in which Hong Kong beat Java by four clear goals.

The display of the Java team was little or no better than that put up by Manila a fortnight ago. The team possesses at most only two players worthy of any recognition for the honour of representing China in the forthcoming Olympic games.

Generally the whole team lacked ball control, were weak in their clearances and woefully weak in front of goal. Only two players deserved any consideration and they were Ong Liong-tak, the left back, and Kivew Hong-sing, the left wing.

The local team, composed mostly of Sing Tao players, had the visitors outplayed and outpositioned throughout the match and had they not slackened, the score could easily have been doubled.

The local intermediate line was in great form. Lau Chung-sang and Chang Kam-hoi had the opposing attack bottled up from the start and as a result Tam Kwan-kon in goal was rarely troubled. Lau Chung-sang was a bagful of stamina and was everywhere the ball was. In the defence he was cool under pressure and in the attack was always a potential danger when in possession.

Fung The Brains

Fung King-cheung was the brains of the local attack. Splendid in his ball control he displayed a rare gift of distribution and rarely wasted a ball. He and Ho Ying-fan had the opposing defence on the run from the start and the interpassing between these two players was a treat to watch. Lai Shui-wing also displayed good form and gave the opposing defence no chance to settle down. Kwok Ying-kee tried hard but had no luck.

Hau Yung-sang and Chang Kam-hoi were outstanding in the Hong Kong defence and with their fast tackling and first time clearance did not give the visitors much chance.

The visitors did not display much good ball control. Their kicking at times was weak and they were too prone to clear under pressure at all costs with the result that their passes invariably found an opponent. In front of goal they missed several golden opportunities. There was not a forward in the attack of Lai Shui-wing or Chang Kam-hoi's capability.

The visitors' game suited the local team admirably. They resorted too much to high kicking and with the Hong Kong team better at heading were often at a disadvantage.

Missed Penalty

Hong Kong attacked from the start and it was not long before they took the lead when Lau Chung-sang sent in a hard drive to open the score. Not long after Fung King-cheong, who had been combining well with Ho Ying-fan, received a good centre and netted with a good effort. A "gift" penalty was missed by the Java team and shortly after Lai Shui-wing placed Hong Kong further ahead with a good first time drive.

In the second half Hong Kong slackened down considerably. Kwok Ying-kee was the only forward to make any real effort to score but failed miserably on several occasions when well placed. Hong Kong's fourth goal came from Lau Chung-sang who netted from a free kicked outside the penalty area.

In the closing stages Java had at least three scoring chances but were weak in their shooting.

Java: Ong Buan-djing; Tjio Soei-tjong and Ong Liong-tak; Oey Bian-tjion, Thim Say-kee and Oho Tjong-ho; Rho Tjin-djon, Tan Hong-wai, Oh Bein-lee, Lo Thin-auin and Kivew Hong-sing.

Hong Kong: Tam Kwan-kon; Hau Yungsang and Tsang Chung-wan; Tam Kwan-sing, Chang Kam-hoi and Lau Chung-sang; Ho Ying-fan, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing and Tse Kam-ho.

FOOTBALL ON SCUTTERS

The R.N.A. Depot Sports Club have arranged an inter-club Football Match, "Married v Single" at Stonecutters on Friday K.O. 5 p.m. Four members, Messrs. Brown, Luff, Macnivan and White, are leaving for the U.K. in the near future.

The following teams have been selected:—

"*Married*": Messrs. Luscombe, McLeod and Price; Connors, White and Hughes; Blake, Gemmel, Honess, Turner and Carpenter.

"*Single*": Messrs. Primrose; Dyche and Urquhart; Brown, Anstis and Bird; Meniven, Wheeler, Eyles, Martin and Luff.

Sports Secretary "Wally" Wallace will referee and Jack Shepherd will attend as trainer. Invitations have been forwarded to all members.

GOVERNOR'S CUP

The following have been chosen to represent the H.K.F.A. against C.N.A.A.F. in the Second Match of the Governor's Cup Competition on Sunday at the Caroline Hill ground at 3.30 p.m.:—

H.K.F.A.:—Lack (Club), Gosano (St. Joseph's), Soutar (R.A.F.), Anderson (R.A.F.) Captain, Forrow (Club), Parvin (Navy), Xavier (St. Joseph's), Weller (Club), Sewell (R.A.F.), Kiernan (Innisha) and Bates (25th R.A.).

Reserves:—Nassau (R.A.), Gordon (Police), Mullen (Club) and Craighead (R.A.).

Team Manager: Mr. A. McAlpine.

The players and reserves have been requested to play an exhibition match against the Java Football Team on Tuesday at Catoline Hill ground at 5 p.m.

A meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the H.K. Football Association will be held on Friday at 5.15 p.m. to discuss the sending off the field of three players, Ip Wai-leung (Kitchee F.C.), and Tam Kong-pak and Fung Kwan-sing (K.M. Bus) in a match last Saturday. The projected visit to Canton of the Kwong Wah Football team is also on the agenda.

Stockholm, Mar. 8.

King Gustav of Sweden left Stockholm by train on his way to the French Riviera for the annual Spring holiday on the French Riviera via Nice. He will stay at Copenhagen for a two-day visit to Queen of Den-

Toshack In Top Form

Launceston, Mar. 8.

Ernie Toshack, New South Wales left arm medium pace bowler, who had to pass a panel of four doctors before he could be passed fit to tour England with the Australian team this summer, came right back into form here today during the touring side's second trial match against Tasmania.

Toshack had the Tasmanian batsmen in trouble, taking five for 24 and, with the help of Bill Johnson, who took two for 28, had them dismissed for 123.

W. A. Brown (66) and Arthur Morris (61) put on 127 runs for the first wicket and laid the foundation for the Australians' close of play score of 224 for four.

Keith Miller, who scored 16, gave a bright display. He hit one six and was caught in attempting another big hit, while Sam Loxton had scored 48 not out by the time stumps were drawn.—Reuter.

RUGGER STAR DEAD

London, Mar. 9.

F. Landers, better known as "Mossie" Landers, former Irish rugger international and one of the best full backs ever produced by Ireland, has died at his home in Cork.

He played for Ireland half a dozen times in 1904 and 1905 and was for 50 years a member of the Cork Constitution Rugby Football Club.

In his early days, Landers was also a keen oarsman and a fine cricketer.

After his playing days were over, he was for many years a member of the Irish five-selection committee.—Reuter.

LIGHT BLUES ON RIVER

Putney, Mar. 8.

The Cambridge University Boat Race crew arrived here today and went out on the Thames for the first time in their new boat, despite having had a three-hour motor coach run from Cambridge.

They have planned to row the full course on Wednesday afternoon. Today, they paddled four miles and showed pleasing rhythm and strength.

Oxford, at present having a "breather" at Eastbourne, will make their first appearance here on Wednesday.—Reuter.

SQUASH TITLE

London, Mar. 8

Mahmoud El Kari, the Egyptian, made a good start in the defence of his British open squash rackets title, which he won four months ago, when he defeated Lieutenant Commander A. Seymour-Hayden by 9-4, 9-5, in the first round of the championships at the Lansdowne Club today.

Mahoud's task was by no means an easy one.

Lieut-Com. Seymour-Hayden, fit and agile, played well, particularly in the third game, when 2-7 behind, he drew up to 6-8. He did well to take 10 points from the champion.—Reuter.

SKATING MEET

The 1948 Spring Skating Gala Meet is scheduled to start from 7 to 11 p.m. to-morrow at the Tin Lok Skating Rink, Lytton Hill Road.

An attractive programme of eleven events has been arranged.

The $1.20 and $2.40 (tax inclusive) gate-money proceeds go to the Tung Wah Hospital Fund.

MUST STOP

"This sort of thing must stop," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he imposed a fine of $150 on Chow Hung (42), fokl, charged with obstructing Sub-Inspector Thomas in the execution of his duty on March 6.

At the previous hearing on Monday it was alleged that defendant (on seeing the approach of a Police party) removed the hawkers at Canton Road, near Nelson Street, and placed them on the pavement.

Fanling Times

Starting Times for the Over and Under ("45" Match to be played at Fanling Sunday next, March 14.

Singles will be played on both courses and Four Balls on the Old Course only. Members not playing in the match are requested to arrange their times accordingly.

OLD COURSE

9.32 A. E. Lissaman—D. S. Robb.
9.36 K. S. Robertson—E. T. Mc Mullen.
9.40 E. J. R. Mitchell—N. A. Brown
9.44 H. H. Mundy—W. O. Davies.
9.48 H. C. Sturgess-Wells—M. B. Tighe.
9.52 J. A. R. Selby—S. S. Gordon.
9.56 J. Linaker—N. J. Booker.
10.00 J. A. D. Morrison—W. S. Hay.
10.04 E. P. Streatfield—L. Jackson.
10.08 D. H. Blake—W. A. Nicholas.
10.12 R. M. Keown—L. D. Pringle.
10.16 R. G. Craig—R. L. Simard.
10.20 E. W. Grovse—E. H. Sainsbury.

NEW COURSE

9.32 I. W. Shewan—F. D. Hunter.
9.36 H. R. Malcolm—F. R. Mackay.
9.40 H. R. Cleland—R. K. Collings.
9.44 W. V. Abern—R. G. Gray.
9.48 R. S. Barry—L. Goldman.
9.52 W. N. A. Smalley—D. L. Prophet.
9.56 J. Alabaster—W. H. Lydall.
10.00 F. G. Harrison—A. Mabb.
10.04 J. Forbes—W. Stoker.
10.08 H. J. D. Lowe—H. C. Watson.
10.12 J. Prentice—K. F. Noble.
10.16 C. E. Brookhart—J. B. Kite.
10.20 D. C. Davis—F. Verel.

Listowel Greeted By Protest

Singapore, Mar. 9.

Despatches from Kuching said today that thousands demonstrated last night for restoration of the Crown Colony of Sarawak as an independent Monarchy.

The demonstrations occurred upon the arrival of Lord Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs.

The despatches said hundreds of banners reading "colonisation not wanted in Sarawak" flew in villages throughout the Colony.

Sarawak, a land of 50,000 square miles on the north-west coast of Borneo, was ceded to Britain as a Crown Colony two years ago by Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, last of the "White Rajahs." Kuching is its capital.

Three weeks ago 15 organisations there petitioned King George VI to restore Sarawak's independence.

Lord Listowel went to Sarawak to investigate the situation. —Associated Press.

Chatham Rd. Scrap Haul

At 2.30 p.m. on March 8, Wong Chi-wai, a watchman of the Chinese National Government Ministry of Communications, brought to Tsimtsatsui Police Station Chan Tam-mui (35) and Ngan Chung (25). He had seen them removing some scrap iron from the railroad at Chatham Road.

Inquiries made by Det. Kwan Kui revealed that the two men were employed by Chung Sui-fuk (43), coolie living on board sampan 667, and Leung Fai (50), unemployed, to remove the iron.

Chan, Ngan and the detective went to Pitt Street. There he saw Chung and Leung offering a quantity of scrap iron to a marine-store dealer near the waterfront.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with the larceny of approximately 300 catties of scrap iron, Chung and Leung were fined $100 (or three weeks' hard labour).

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

AN UNUSUAL OFFENCE

A most unusual offence resulted in Ko On, 28, appearing before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central yesterday charged with unlawfully injecting water into the carcase of a chicken at the chicken slaughter room of the Central Market on Monday. He was convicted and fined the maximum of $500 or six months.

Ko told the Court that he had paid $6.40 for the chicken. He purchased it for his own consumption and there would be no sense in his putting water into it.

INDECENCY CASE

Edward Elias, Bilts of the China Sea Trading Company, appeared before Mr. F. K. d'Almada at Central yesterday charged with assault (three) and one of gross indecency at the Kowloon Hotel on Tuesday. [illegible]

SHIPPERS' FIRST WIN

Beat Kowloon In Yacht Race

The "Shippers" sailing team scored their first victory last Sunday morning when they defeated a Kowloon Team by 41 points to 35 points in a team race held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. The weather was ideal for dinghies with plenty of wind, and all 12 dinghies got away to a good start. Hancock in "Cossack" dinghy led at the first mark, followed by Browne in "Theseus II" dinghy, and these two gradually gained a long lead over the rest to finish well in front in that order.

		Pts.
Cossack (Hancock, Grey 'K')	1.07.55	13
Theseus II (Browne 'S')	1.09.05	11
Theseus I (Whitehouse, Rossman 'K')	1.10.12	10
Gambia II (Christensen 'S')	1.11.40	9
Stonecutters V (Barrett 'S')	1.13.30	8
Gambia I (Burn, Wilmott 'S')	1.14.10	7
60 (Dekker 'S')	1.17.40	6
Black (Miss Cantopher 'K')	1.19.00	5
Adamant VI (Wright, Miss Loseby 'K')	1.20.03	4
B.S. (Lane, Nicholson 'K')	1.29.10	3
Maroon (Williams, Mrs. Honess 'S')	Disqualified	
Theseus III (Gracey, Miss Schlee 'K')	D.N.F.	
Results: Shippers	41	
Kowloon	35	

The league now stands as follows:

Team	Raced	Won	Lost	Pts.
H.K. Residents	3	2	1	4
Royal Navy	3	2	1	4
H.K. Government	3	2	1	4
The "Shippers"	3	1	2	2
Kowloon Residents	2	0	2	0

The team race fixture for next Sunday morning is Kowloon Residents (Captain Hancock) versus Hong Kong Residents (Mr. Coote). A pleasing number of Dutch and Norwegian members are now taking an interest in these team races and it is hoped soon to see an "International" Team event at Kellet Island.

There were 11 starters for the Sunday afternoon race but the wind was light and fluky behind Kellet Island and only 2 dinghies crossed the line at the starting gun, the rest struggling down tide for 30 minutes or more before catching the wind and crossing the starting line. The result was

Gambia II (Kino, Miss Cantopher)	1.14.35
Commodore I (Aten)	1.29.30
Maroon (Seaton)	1.45.50
Stonecutters V (Graham)	1.55.40
Stonecutters I (Wright)	1.58.35
Stonecutters IV (Hancock)	2.01.25
Theseus II (Grey, Miss P. Loseby)	D.N.F.
Stonecutters II (Gracey)	"
Yellow (Chambler)	"
B.S. (Honess)	"
Adamant IV (Barrett)	"

There was a good turn out on Saturday but the lack of wind in the harbour caused the race to be abandoned.

Dragon

The first Dragon to be built in Hong Kong since the War was out for a trial sail on Saturday afternoon and has gone back to the builders for minor adjustments and completion. The remaining 6 of the first batch of these Yachts will also soon be ready.

Cruisers

There is a Picnic Race for cruisers next Sunday starting from Kellet Island at 10.30 a.m.

General Meeting

Members are reminded of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Yacht Club being held at 6 p.m. at Kellet Island on Monday, March 15 when the new articles of association will be proposed and discussed. A boat will leave Kowloon Police Pier at 5.30 p.m. and Queen's Pier at 5.40 p.m. in addition to the short trips across from the B.A.T. steps.

Coal Theft From Ship

Wong Kam-fook, 30, was employed as a watchman on board the s.s. "Alipur" at the time the ship was at Kowloon Docks.

On Feb. 18 he was on duty when nine tons of coal were stolen from the ship by (It was alleged) Chan Cheng, 41-year-old unemployed, and Lee Wah-kai, 53-year-old odd-job coolie.

When charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, with neglect of duty, Chan told the Court that he was in the bows of the ship at the time of the alleged theft.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said that of a quantity of coal intended for the "Alipur" nine tons were loaded on to a junk alongside the ship.

To load nine tons of coal, said SI Howarth, would take quite some time. Defendant should have known what was going on.

Defendant was fined $250, or three months' hard labour.

Chan and Lee, charged with larceny, was formally remanded for one week, as were Cheng Ngan (51) coalyard foki, and Cheng Kin (23), coalyard keeper, (both represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva) on the charge of receiving.

Chan and Cheng Kin were additionally charged with being found on enclosed premises without a permit.

Rotary Meeting

China's historic north-west, the cradle of China's 4,000-year-old civilisation, was limelighted by Bishop Andrew Y. Y. Tsu in a talk before Hong Kong Rotary at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

The speaker was thanked by Col E. J. R. Mitchell.

Visiting Rotarians welcomed by the President included Dr. A. Stewart Allen from Chungking, Fulton Freeman from Peiping, Richard Service from Tsingtao and Philip Tsoi from Swatow.

Among the large number of guests present were General Gaston Wong and Dr. Rizenbach from Canton, Dr. W. D. Gilkey, Rev. Dr. C. J. Harth, Frank Short, H. J. Johsen, H. T. Shield, T. H. Hesketh, W. Lon, Yung Kai-kwong, Shau Pan-lai and Szeto Wai.

TAIKOO WORKERS SENTENCED

Two labourers of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery pleaded "dire circumstances" when they admitted stealing 15 lb. of lead before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central yesterday.

Chung Kim was sentenced to [illegible] hard labour while Cheung Chuen who had a previous [illegible] was given [illegible] Brownrigg prosecuted.

PROBE IN LIBYA

Tripoli, Mar. 8.

Mounted police patrolled the main streets here today when the four-power commission on the former Italian colonies began a probe of conditions in Libya.

The police were on patrol as part of the general precautionary arrangements following the rioting last month.—Reuter.

Everett Purchases

Everett Steamship Corporation has received advice from the United States Maritime Commission that the contracts for the purchase of four Cimavi type vessels have been signed. The vessels are the M/S "Coastal Champion," M/S "Coastal Buccaneer," M/S "Studding Sail" and M/S "Hawser Bend." All four ships have been under bareboat charter to Everett Steamship Corporation since early 1947 and deliveries will be effected in March at which time these ships will be renamed M/S "Malaya Everett," M/S "India Everett," M/S "Philippine Everett" and M/S China Everett" respectively.

The U.S. Maritime Commission has extended the charters on the M.S "Turk's Head" and M/S "Carrick Bend" which make up the balance of the Everett Orient Line fleet which has and will continue to serve the Philippines, China, Korea, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Burma, India and Ceylon.

CONVICT IN COURT

Committal proceedings were commenced against Tsang Kwong, a convict at Stanley Prison, charged with wounding a fellow prisoner, Tsang Wan, with intent to murder him, at Central Magistracy before Mr. F. K. d'Almada yesterday.

Inspector MacPherson said that accused was serving a term for armed robbery. At about 7.30 a.m. on Jan. 29 the prisoners numbering 135, were lined up in two rows preparatory to starting for the day's work. Accused produced a dagger and attacked Tsang Wan, causing three wounds in his back. The victim had to be taken to hospital. A dagger was found in accused's possession after the assault by Prison officers.

After evidence from the Warder on duty the case was remanded till March 18.

FOOD PARCEL FUND

A total of $5,700 has been collected amongst the Hong Kong School Children and donated to the "Food Parcels to Britain" Fund to send sweets to school children in the United Kingdom.

Persistent Offender

Banished in January this year, Liu Fong (17) was taken into custody by Detectives 988 and 1023 Shantung Street, near Thistle Street, at 10.30 a.m. on March 7, as a return banishee.

His records showed that he was sentenced to eight strokes and expulsion on Nov. 17 last for larceny; and three months' imprisonment, 12 strokes and recommended for banishment on Dec. 18 for being a member of an unlawful society and breach of expulsion order.

Appearing before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday, Liu was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended for re-banishment.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth prosecuted.

America Takes A Slap At Russia

Washington, Mar. 9.

The Senate today voted to reduce sharply the shipment of American industrial goods to Russia and her satellites.

The action, viewed as a direct slap at the Soviet, came without dissent during the debate on the European Recovery Plan shortly after Senator Kenneth McKellar (Democrat, Tennessee) had urged the United States to use force if necessary to prevent Communist seizure of more European nations.

The Senate vote on Russia was an amendment to the ERP bill sponsored by Senator William Knowland (Republican, California). Senator Vandenberg gave it his blessing. It would embargo all United States exports to Russia and her satellites of goods needed to fill ERP requirements.

Senator Knowland said it would affect many products now shipped to Russia and which he maintains are being used to build up the Soviet war machine. However, some scarce goods could still be sent to Russia if authorised by the Secretary of Commerce as a means of securing the vital chrome, manganese which [illegible] Senator Connally (Democrat, Texas) [illegible] his opposition to ERP. He said that, while he was a "peaceful man," he was convinced that Russia was preparing to make war on the United States and was taking over European nations to build up her strength.

He urged that the American armed forces be put into fighting condition at once "with one distinct purpose in view—if Russia takes over a nation or attempts to do so, our nation will take the lead in defending that nation and all other free nations of Europe."

He said Russia should be put on notice that "if she tries to take over any more European territory, we are at the service of these nations and will help them maintain their individuality and independence."—United Press.

SCOTTISH CUP

London, Mar. 9.

The draw for the Scottish Cup [illegible] was announced today [illegible] Motherwell versus Celtic [illegible] Glasgow).

Exceptional Decree Issued By Pontiff

Vatican City, Mar. 9.

In an exceptional decree today, the Pope granted Catholics throughout the world an opportunity to help friends and relatives killed in the last war get from Purgatory to Heaven.

The Roman Catholic Church holds that the faithful, even though their sins are forgiven before death, often remain in "temporal punishment due to sin," which must be remitted through suffering in Purgatory before their admittance into Heaven.

It was announced today that the Pope had granted living Catholics the right to gain plenary indulgence, not for themselves but for persons who died as a result of the last war. Conditions for obtaining this indulgence defined as full remission of temporal punishment due to sins for souls in Purgatory, were the performance of "Easter duty" during the period March 21 to April 4 this year only, plus prayers according to the intentions of [illegible]

Easter Sunday duty for Catholics is the receipt of sacraments, penance and Holy Eucharist. It is always compulsory for Catholics, against pain of mortal sin, between the first Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday. But for the purposes of this indulgence only, the period of Easter duty is limited to the time between Palm Sunday and the first Sunday after Easter.

The indulgence was announced in a decree signed by Nicola Cardinal Canali, penitentiary, and Monsignor Salvatore Lullo, Regent of Apostolic Penitentiary.—United Press.